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OF THE

COMPLIMENTS OF THE

State Superintendent.

STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA, Dept. of free schools

FOR THE YEARS 1879 AND 1880.

W. K. PENDLETON,

State Superintendent.

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STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA,

DEPARTMENT OF FREE SCHOOLS,

WHEELING, January 1, 1880.

TO HIS EXCELLENCY, H. M. MATHEWS,

Governor of the State of West Virginia:

SIR:—I have the honor to transmit herewith, the Sixteenth Annual Report of the workings of the Free Schools of the State, for the year ending August 31st, 1879.

As it will be my duty to make to you another report before the next session of the Legislature, I think it best to defer any recommendations which I may deem it proper to make to you concerning our School Law, until that time.

I have the honor to be,

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

W. K. PENDLETON,

State Superintendent.

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SIXTEENTH ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

STATE SUPERINTENDENT OF FREE SCHOOLS.

SUMMARY OF SCHOOL STATISTICS

For the School Year Ending August 31st, 1879, Compared with those for the School Year Ending August 31st, 1878:

School Organization.

Number of school districts, 1879	361
Number of school districts, 1878	352
Increase	9
Number of sub-districts, 1879	3,383
Number of sub-districts, 1878	3,227
Increase	156
Number of district school commissioners, 1879	1,083
Number of district school commissioners, 1878	1,056
Increase	27
Number of secretaries of boards of education, 1879	361
Number of secretaries of boards of education, 1878	352
Increase	9
Number of trustees, 1879	10,149
Number of trustees, 1878	9,681
Increase	448
Number of city and county superintendents, 1879	56
Number of city and county superintendents, 1878	56

Teachers.

Number of teachers granted certificates, 1879	4,393
Number of teachers granted certificates, 1878	3,972
Increase	421

Number of teachers employed, 1879	4,131
Number of teachers employed, 1878	3,747
Increase	384
Number of male teachers employed, 1879	3,142
Number of male teachers employed, 1878	2,822
Increase	320
Number of female teachers employed, 1879	989
Number of female teachers employed, 1878	925
Increase	64

Number of Months Taught.

By male teachers, 1879	12,777
By male teachers, 1878	11,360
Increase	1,417
By female teachers, 1879	5,162
By female teachers, 1878	4,518
Increase	644
Total number of months taught, 1879	17,939
Total number of months taught, 1878	15,878
Increase	2,061
Average number of months taught, 1879	4 58
Average number of months taught, 1878	4.38
Increase	.20

Enumeration, Attendance, Age, &c.

Children in the State between 6 and 21 years of age, 1879	206,123
Children in the State between 6 and 21 years of age, 1878	201,237
Increase	4,886
Attended school during 1879	135,526
Attended school during 1878	130,184
Increase	5,342
Average daily attendance of males, 1879	49,597
Average daily attendance of males, 1878	47,476
Increase	2,121
Average daily attendance of females, 1879	40,671
Average daily attendance of females, 1878	38,508
Increase	2,163
General average attendance, 1879	90,268
General average attendance, 1878	86,768
Increase	3,500
General average age of pupils, 1879	10.70
General average age of pupils, 1878	11 05
Decrease	.35
Whole number of schools, 1879	3,725
Whole number of schools, 1878	3,511
Increase	214
Common schools, 1879	3,612
Common schools, 1878	3,419
Increase	193
Graded schools, 1879	105
Graded schools, 1878	82
Increase	23

High schools, 1879	8
High schools, 1878	10
Decrease	2

School Houses.

Frame, 1879	2,035
Frame, 1878	1,905
Increase	130
Stone, 1879	6
Stone, 1878	11
Decrease	5
Brick, 1879	90
Brick, 1878	89
Increase	1
Log, 1879	1,342
Log, 1878	1,292
Increase	50
Whole number of school houses, 1879	3,473
Whole number of school houses, 1878	3,297
Increase	176
Number built, 1879	176
Number built, 1878	81
Increase	95

Value of School Property.

Value of school grounds, 1879	$ 147,203 55
Value of school grounds, 1878	162,701 60
*Decrease	$ 15,498 05
Value of school houses, 1879	1,415,221 76
Value of school houses, 1878	1,421,942 38
*Decrease	$ 5,720 62
Value of school furniture, 1879	99,901 09
Value of school furniture, 1878	91,288 19
Increase	$ 8,612 90
Value of libraries, 1879	1,251 00
Value of libraries, 1878	716 80
Increase	$ 534 20
Value of apparatus, 1879	13,294 15
Value of apparatus, 1878	11,704 24
Increase	$ 1,593 91
Total value of school property, 1879	1,676,871 55
Total value of school property, 1878	1,688,349 21
*Decrease	$ 11,577 66

Receipts for the year ending August 31, 1879, *compared with those for the year ending August* 31, 1878.

Teachers' Fund.

From state school fund, 1879	$ 237,265 25
From state school fund, 1878	195,183 75
Increase	42,081 50
From district levies for teachers' fund, 1879	335,932 39
From district levies for teachers' fund, 1878	349,306 48
Decrease	4,374 09

*Only in rate of appraisement.

From Peabody fund, 1879	$ 3,100 00
From Peabody fund, 1878	4,250 00
Decrease	1,250 00
From other sources for teachers' fund, 1879	15,286 17
From other sources, for teachers' fund, 1878	22,256 42
Decrease	6,970 25
Total receipts for teachers' fund, including balance on hand at beginning of school year, 1879	667,877 21
Total receipts for teachers' fund, including balance on hand at beginning of school year, 1878	634,361 55
Increase	33,515 66

Building Fund.

From levy for building fund, 1879	179,891 71
From levy for building fund, 1878	189,077 37
Decrease	9,185 66
From other sources for building fund, 1879	13,009 36
From other sources for building fund, 1878	18,989 00
Decrease	5,979 64
Total receipts from all sources for the building fund, including balance on hand at the beginning of school year, 1879	238,064 73
Total receipts from all sources for the building fund, including balance on hand at the beginning of school year, 1878	236,580 14
Increase	1,504 59
Total Receipts from all sources for the teachers' and building funds, including amount on hand at beginning of school year, 1879	1,011,700 16
Total receipts from all sources for the teachers' and building funds, including amount on hand at beginning of school year, 1878	876,941 69
Increase	140,758 47

Expenditures for the year ending August 31, 1879, *compared with those for the year ending August* 31, 1878.

From Teachers' Fund.

Salaries paid male teachers, 1879	$ 361,319 60
Salaries paid male teachers, 1878	353,897 19
Increase	7,422 41
Salaries paid female teachers, 1879	142,876 75
Salaries paid female teachers, 1878	150,757 53
Decrease	3,958 68
Total amount paid teachers, 1879	504,196 35
Total amount paid teachers, 1878	501,704 61
Increase	2,491 74
Average salaries white male teachers, 1878	29.54
Average salaries white male teachers, 1879	28.21
Decrease	1.33
Average salaries white female teachers, 1878	26.19
Average salaries white female teachers, 1879	26.19
Increase	1.63
Average salaries colored male teachers, 1878	26.85
Average salaries colored male teachers, 1879	28.11
Increase	1.26
Average salaries colored female teachers, 1878	23.36
Average salaries colored female teachers, 1879	20.66
Decrease	2.70

General average salary, 1878	28.97
General average salary, 1879	26.64
Decrease	2.33

Expenditures from the Building Fund.

Amount paid for land, 1878	3,981 29
Amount paid for land, 1879	2,497 77
Decrease	483 52
Amount paid for building school houses, 1878	51,652 19
Amount paid for building school houses, 1879	60,185 37
Increase	8,533 18
Amount paid for rent of school houses, 1878	2,504 74
Amount paid for rent of school houses, 1879	3,161 79
Increase	665 05
Amount paid for repairs of school houses, 1878	20,672 57
Amount paid for repairs of school houses, 1879	21,074 00
Increase	1,493 14
Amount paid for fuel, 1878	26,669 65
Amount paid for fuel, 1879	25,011 49
Decrease	1,688 25
Amount paid for furniture, 1878	6,882 71
Amount paid for furniture, 1879	7,428 71
Increase	546 00
Amount paid for apparatus, 1878	2,093 14
Amount paid for apparatus, 1879	2,722 57
Increase	629 43
Amount paid for interest, 1878	4,082 12
Amount paid for interest, 1879	3,691 00
Decrease	391 11
Amount paid commissioners for collecting, 1878	12,192 91
Amount paid commissioners for collecting, 1879	10,920 54
Decrease	1,272 37
Amount paid for enumeration of youth, 1878	3,839 04
Amount paid for enumeration of youth, 1879	3,849 65
Increase	10 61
Amount paid for making fires and sweeping buildings, 1878	12,105 39
Amount paid for making fires and sweeping buildings, 1879	11,935 57
Decrease	169 82
Amount paid Secretaries of Boards of Education, 1878	8,639 52
Amount paid Secretaries of Boards of Education, 1879	8,323 41
Decrease	318 11
Amount paid for contingencies, 1878	16,076 43
Amount paid for contingencies, 1879	19,561 68
Increase	3,485 25
Total expenditures from building fund for all purposes, 1878	180,113 70
Total expenditures from building fund for all purposes, 1879	204,874 55
Increase	24,760 85
Total expenditures from teachers' and building funds, 1878	681,818 31
Total expenditures from teachers' and building funds, 1879	709,071 30
Increase	27,252 99
Balance reported on hand, both funds, 1878	149,093 46
Balance reported on hand, both funds, 1879	121,477 06
Decrease	27,616 40

Average District Levy on $100 *Valuation of Property* 1879 *and* 1878 *Compared.*

For teachers' fund, 1878	$ 26 20
For teachers' fund, 1879	24 09
Decrease	2 11
For building fund, 1878	14 30
For building fund, 1879	15 58
Increase	1 28

Cost of Education per Pupil.

Cost for tuition, based on the number enumerated, 1878	2 49
Cost for tuition, based on the number enumerated, 1879	2 45
Decrease	04
Cost for tuition, based on the number attending school, 1878	3 85
Cost for tuition, based on the number attending school, 1879	3 09
Decrease	16
Costs for all purposes, based on the number in daily average attendance, 1878	5 78
Costs for all purposes, based on the number in daily average attendance, 1879	5 75
Decrease	03
Costs for all purposes, based on the number attending school, 1878	5 23
Costs for all purposes, based on the number attending school, 1879	5 19
Decrease	04
Cost for pupil per month, based upon the number reported attending school, 1878	2 20
Cost for pupil per month, based upon the number reported attending school, 1879	1 11
Decrease	1 09
Amount received, for all purposes, for each youth in the State between six and twenty-one years of age, 1878	4 18
Amount expended, for all purposes, for each youth in the State between six and twenty-one years of age, 1878	3 33
Amount expended, for all purposes, for each youth in the State between six and twenty-one years of age, 1879	3 44
Increase	11
Amount of teachers' fund apportioned to whites, 1878	480,414 27
Amount of teachers' fund apportioned to whites, 1879	582,502 97
Increase	102,088 70
Amount of teachers' fund apportioned to colored, 1878	21,290 34
Amount of teachers' fund apportioned to colored, 1879	23,149 34
Increase	1,859 00

Recapitulation of the Fiscal Statement for the School Year ending August 31, 1879.

Total assets reported from all sources, including balance on hand, 1878	$ 842,818 65
Total assets reported from all sources, including balance on hand, 1879	1,101,170 16
Increase	258,351 51
Total reported disbursements of both funds, 1878	681,818 51
Total reported disbursements of both funds, 1879	709,070 90
Increase	27,252 39
Reported balance on hand of both funds, 1878	149,093 46
Reported balance on hand of both funds, 1879	172,460 71
Increase	23,367 25

STATISTICAL TABLES

FOR THE

SCHOOL YEAR ENDING AUG. 31, 1879.

EXPLANATION OF STATISTICAL TABLES.

TABLE A—Showing the receipts and disbursements of the Teachers' Fund.

TABLE B—Showing the receipts and expenditures of the Building Fund.

TABLE C—Showing the number and value of school houses, &c.

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TABLE F—Number of teachers and number of months taught.

TABLE G—Age of pupils; number studying; number of district officers, and visits from officers.

TABLE H—Amount of district levies; amount of delinquent lists; total receipts and expenditure; balance on hand; apportionment and average cost per pupil.

TABLE I—Showing the enumeration of youth; the apportionment of State School Fund for the school year commencing September 1st, 1878, and September 1st, 1879, and the amount of saleries paid county superintendents.

TABLE A.

Showing the Receipts and Disbursements from the Teachers' Fund.

COUNTIES.	Balance on Hand at the Beginning of School Year.	Receipts for Teachers' Fund.					Aggregate Salaries of Teachers.					Average Salaries.				
							White.		Colored.			White.		Colored.		
		From State.	From Levy.	From Peabody Fund.	From other Sources	Total.	Male.	Female.	Male.	Female.	Total.	Male.	Female.	Male.	Female.	Total General Average.
Barbour	$ 1,422 06	$ 4,887 53	$ 3,450 55	.....	$ 18 91	$ 9,779 05	5,968 41	$ 873 50	$ 63 05	88 00	$ 6,992 99	$28 80	21 50	14 00	20 00	22.62
Berkeley	1,033 58	4.112 90	8,380 29	.....	289 29	13,816 06	7,796 47	4,735 00	1,087 00	382 00	13,950 47	28 00	27 20	24 20	24 20	25.85
Boone	260 27	2,152 35	2,531 86	.....	.....	3,944 48	3,118 16	734 50	.....	.....	3,902 66	26 88	27 05	.....	.....	26.91
Braxton	220 53	3,984 26	4,229 44	.....	534 54	8,968 77	5,206 60	2,020 65	.....	.....	7,227 25	22 45	20 66	.....	.....	21.55
Brooke	1,366 04	2,177 36	6,168 60	295 00	310 04	10,317 04	5,010 63	3,535 42	.....	.....	8,546 05	37 38	33 70	.....	.....	35.80
Cabell	875 69	4,820 04	8,011 50	.....	116 00	13,823 23	7,577 75	3,626 03	375 00	.....	11,578 78	33 75	32 72	30 00	.....	33.39
Calhoun	956 82	1,961 67	2,223 32	.....	69 60	5,211 41	3,071 87	702 00	.....	.....	3,773 87	23 75	23 00	.....	.....	23.37
Clay	1,358 73	1,284 28	905 81	.....	567 41	4,116 23	2,404 29	145 64	.....	.....	2,549 93	21 68	24 00	.....	.....	22.84
Doddridge	970 96	4,214 84	4,272 30	.....	70 00	9,528 10	4,285 70	1,569 23	.....	.....	5,854 93	27 60	24 58	.....	.....	27.09
Fayette	259 49	3,869 83	4,975 25	.....	127 66	9,232 23	8,423 21	1,302 42	79 06	17 26	9,821 95	22 75	25 77	25 00	.....	23.25
Gilmer	1,833 52	2,867 25	2,788 27	.....	49 38	7,538 42	4,284 25	975 72	.....	.....	5,259 97	25 10	21 67	.....	.....	23.38
Grant	770 18	1,955 67	3,510 93	.....	.....	6,236 78	4,342 58	629 06	226 31	27 41	5,225 36	31 67	28 41	19 33	.....	28.32
Greenbrier	1,900 95	5,063 67	9,396 72	.....	92 85	16,364 19	9,143 09	1,785 98	819 55	411 23	12,159 85	24 80	28 15	25 41	21 17	25.14
Hampshire	1,662 15	3,636 14	4,334 73	.....	53 33	9,686 45	6,356 28	1,841 05	170 00	30 00	8,397 33	26 20	26 10	21 25	10 00	26.10
Hancock	979 99	1,618 29	3,950 15	225 00	10 34	6,783 77	3,692 28	2,172 23	.....	.....	5,864 51	33 85	31 77	.....	.....	31.81
Hardy	6,433 87	2,427 33	3,073 41	.....	41 37	11,976 08	3,693 80	1,108 00	220 00	45 46	5,097 26	20 00	20 00	20 00	15 00	23.43
Harrison	4,050 58	8,330 86	12,030 06	335 00	1,175 02	25,921 52	14,983 96	4,229 00	723 61	.....	19,935 57	31 50	33 50	26 87	.....	31.77
Jackson	460 99	6,224 36	5,930 22	.....	1,429 81	14,044 48	9,373 65	2,566 92	.....	.....	11,940 57	29 19	26 34	.....	.....	27 65
Jefferson	705 53	5,809 62	11,122 56	.....	751 13	18,388 83	9,812 50	2,361 00	2,529 25	554 37	15,257 12	34 40	37 11	32 60	27 50	36.50
Kanawha	1,828 38	12,640 57	17,940 64	420 00	77 47	32,907 06	18,787 88	3,750 46	1,932 04	682 21	30,151 59	33 47	28 68	32 10	28 12	30.59
Lewis	568 67	4,889 98	7,118 43	100 00	12 70	12,689 78	8,373 27	2,070 38	200 00	.....	10,283 65	26 64	25 00	25 00	.....	26.50
Lincoln	276 80	3,238 32	3,473 31	.....	.....	6,988 43	3,194 00	1,212 00	.....	.....	4,406 00	24 75	23 71	.....	.....	24.23
Logan	86 55	2,101 68	1,528 39	.....	59 69	3,876 31	2,470 30	122 00	12	.....	2,604 30	21 75	16 50	12 00	.....	16.75
Marion	1,726 48	7,463 78	8,251 31	235 00	1,269 16	18,955 73	10,321 06	3,546 59	.....	.....	13,867 65	26 70	27 46	.....	.....	27.91
Marshall	2,262 56	7,689 97	10,446 80	270 00	447 18	21,116 51	9,790 20	4,702 56	.....	.....	14,492 76	28 62	25 84	.....	.....	27.66
Mason	5,479 59	9,684 01	13,330 81	410 00	8 35	28,912 76	14,973 35	7,795 33	480 00	180 00	23,428 68	35 66	30 00	28 30	20 00	33.50
Mercer	14 52	2,870 00	2,521 51	.....	.....	5,406 03	3,620 27	363 38	182 64	.....	4,166 29	24 66	21 00	19 00	.....	20.17
Mineral	1,279 29	2,937 75	5,002 91	.....	59 78	9,279 73	4,305 24	2,792 18	238 00	262 50	7,597 92	31 70	29 22	20 60	27 50	30.57

TABLE A—*Continued.*

COUNTIES.	Balance on Hand at the Beginning of School Year.	Receipts for Teachers' Fund.					Aggregate Salaries of Teachers.					Average Salaries.				
		From State.	From Levy.	From Peabody Fund.	From other Sources	Total.	White.		Colored.		Total.	White.		Colored.		Total General Average.
							Male.	Female.	Male.	Female.		Male.	Female.	Male.	Female.	
Monongalia	1,106 66	5,777 00	5,953 12	.....	1 35	$ 12,838 13	8,607 81	2,823 91	320 00	.....	11,751 72	31 69	24 83	25 00	.....	27.78
Monroe	420 54	3,895 40	7,347 74	.....	.....	11,663 68	7,840 31	752 00	564 00	.....	9,156 31	27 52	27 00	23 60	.....	27.20
Morgan	879 86	2,020 67	2,931 96	.....	39 14	5,871 63	4,331 93	120 00	50 00	.....	4,501 93	28 96	20 00	25 00	.....	27 46
McDowell	45 00	1,275 40	197 99	.....	.....	1,518 39	1,188 40	40 00	.....	.....	1,228 40	23 30	20 00	.....	.....	21 65
Nicholas	380 10	2,819 06	2,437 60	.....	178 24	5,865 00	4,857 29	228 87	104 00	.....	5,190 16	21 14	17 33	26 00	.....	21.49
Ohio	468 68	2,317 43	8,239 82	.....	224 11	12,399 75	5,097 59	4,686 70	115 00	.....	9,899 29	38 30	33 06	23 00	.....	35.70
Pendleton	544 42	3,033 38	4,704 27	.....	11 62	8,293 69	6,093 94	615 64	.....	.....	6,739 58	25 12	26 00	.....	.....	25 56
Pleasants	374 92	2,323 30	3,243 58	.....	19 33	6,131 13	3,447 50	1,160 50	.....	.....	4,608 00	31 74	29 00	.....	.....	30.00
Pocahontas	673 33	1,782 98	3,380 52	.....	58 21	5,885 04	3,357 07	1,084 58	254 00	.....	4,495 65	22 08	19 85	15 33	.....	20.34
Preston	997 26	7,901 16	8,857 63	.....	980 21	18,736 46	13,220 31	2,355 11	80 00	.....	15,665 42	28 84	28 84	.....	.....	28.84
Putnam	706 91	4,504 22	5,233 43	.....	20 45	10,465 01	7,310 92	1,631 75	175 80	127 50	9,245 97	31 82	27 90	20 00	20 00	24.95
Raleigh	552 91	3,008 25	2,212 30	.....	221 38	5,994 84	4,194 92	666 20	.....	.....	4,861 12	19 00	16 75	.....	.....	18.64
Randolph	* 273 20	3,206 63	3,392 69	.....	23 22	6,621 85	4,239 32	1,027 07	101 97	.....	5,368 36	22 15	21 75	.....	.....	22.72
Ritchie	532 04	4,900 73	6,648 50	.....	1,834 88	13,916 15	8,872 54	1,784 07	.....	.....	10,656 61	29 88	26 39	.....	.....	29.65
Roane	855 13	4,580 66	4,452 04	.....	23 99	9,911 82	7,416 27	1,240 65	15 00	.....	8,671 92	26 42	24 77	15 00	.....	26 41
Summers	* 335 52	2,995 25	3,902 75	.....	72 78	6,970 78	4,010 61	596 00	404 60	.....	5,011 21	22 71	21 47	21 87	.....	22 48
Taylor	2,174 52	4,508 22	3,881 27	.....	1,750 18	12,314 19	5,880 58	248 21	.....	.....	6,128 89	29 00	28 00	20 00	.....	27.42
Tucker	887 64	1,119 40	1,310 33	.....	2 17	3,319 54	1,377 49	895 00	.....	.....	1,772 49	16 60	18 00	.....	.....	17 30
Tyler	8,948 68	4,560 47	4,943 04	.....	222 46	18,676 65	6,776 57	1,461 03	.....	.....	8,237 60	27 56	29 30	.....	.....	28.43
Upshur	905 63	4,063 21	4,426 10	.....	82 27	9,476 61	5,863 21	1,467 35	81 82	.....	7,412 38	24 66	23 77	22 50	.....	24 36
Wayne	1,105 33	6,096 44	6,283 14	.....	.....	13,484 91	6,378 71	1,516 00	56 00	11 00	7,961 71	25 03	24 65	20 00	.....	25.73
Webster	130 32	1,159 90	809 31	.....	22 91	2,122 54	1,595 59	246 30	.....	.....	1,841 89	18 36	19 50	.....	.....	18.93
Wetzel	770 23	5,769 46	4,802 26	.....	.....	11,341 95	7,347 99	2,483 42	.....	.....	9,831 41	28 07	27 95	.....	.....	28.01
Wirt	1,765 82	2,538 37	3,460 20	.....	54 18	7,818 57	4,849 83	1,277 39	.....	.....	6,127 22	33 75	28 50	.....	.....	31.12
Wood	4,974 35	9,540 20	17,367 08	.....	1,038 38	32,920 01	8,636 96	5,799 42	.....	.....	14,436 38	37 22	35 39	60 00	30 00	48.15
Wyoming	470 28	1,555 35	2,546 44	.....	.....	4,572 07	2,375 50	263 18	12 00	.....	2,650 68	25 00	21 00	.....	.....	23 00
Wheel'g City	3,468 77	12,558 25	37,042 36	.....	.....	53,069 38	6,660 00	31,260 00	800 00	360 00	39,080 00	40 00	38 50	80 00	36 00	43.84
Martinsburg City	1,110 60	2,440 05	4,865 53	800 00	773 60	9,989 78	2,100 00	3,449 30	500 00	150 00	6,296 30	55 00	29 61	50 00	15 00	37.40
Total	$76,293 40	$237,265 25	$355,932 39	$3,100 00	$15,286 17	$667,877 21	$348,359 74	$139,527 81	$12,959 86	$3,348 94	$504,196 35	28 21	27 92	28 11	20 66	26.64

TABLE

Showing the Receipts and

COUNTIES.	RECEIPTS FOR THE BUILDING FUND.				EXPENDITURES			
	Balance on hand at beginning of school year.	From levy for building fund.	From other sources for Building Fund.	Total.	For Land.	For Houses.	For Rent.	For Repairs.
Barbour	$ 1,462 71	$ 2,223 65	.....	$ 3,686 26	$ 14 25	$ 125 00	$ 10 95	$ 246 23
Berkeley	874 51	2,440 27	33 84	3,348 62	20 00	250 00	241 13	413 12
Boone	580 50	964 37	45 75	1,590 62	.....	549 50	13 00	112 13
Braxton	170 42	3,029 74	399 55	3 599 71	81 00	1,767 37	8 00	131 09
Brooke	669 38	3,371 10	253 23	4,293 71	.....	728 00	20 00	726 31
Cabell	1,603 96	5,449 11	537 59	7,590 66	35 00	3,615 15	63 25	498 76
Calhoun	343 32	1,802 63	88 46	2,234 41	.....	150 00	48 35	165 28
Clay	997 66	955 70	399 93	2,353 29	2 50	78 00	.....	113 45
Doddridge	970 80	2,779 67	516 14	4,266 61	48 50	957 78	8 00	122 76
Fayette	15 24	2,608 58	48 07	2,671 89	.....	312 42	21 75	99 24
Gilmer	334 14	2,232 95	.....	2,567 09	41 00	871 25	.....	77 75
Grant	703 30	1,484 22	422 22	2,609 74	.....	1,560 46	6 00	25 58
Greenbrier	2,211 43	5,296 90	293 36	7,801 69	381 70	2,476 60	65 00	368 24
Hampshire	196 48	2,076 61	.....	2,273 09	5 00	583 60	4 75	243 65
Hancock	1,218 49	3,626 14	.....	4,844 63	80 00	2,157 55	59 33	331 17
Hardy	220 02	1,527 25	3 90	1,751 17	.....	445 00	8 00	115 84
Harrison	2,622 66	4,094 40	434 91	7,151 97	194 00	1,087 50	76 00	763 15
Jackson	808 98	4,531 18	.....	5,340 16	18 00	1,690 40	15 00	525 26
Jefferson	364 19	6,246 88	432 87	7,043 94	51 75	1,564 91	182 25	398 08
Kanawha	1,024 15	9,441 27	1,305 39	11,770 81	205 00	2,046 32	270 61	1,690 10
Lewis	733 91	2,806 44	136 03	3,676 38	12 00	1,530 00	15 00	236 00
Lincoln	219 62	2,247 24	.....	2,466 86	.....	525 00	.....	106 10
Logan	36 02	728 85	150 00	914 87	.....	518 45	59 00	26 70
Marion	1,468 25	3 967 96	426 05	5,862 26	54 50	1,776 50	.....	390 37
Marshall	2,902 40	7,844 28	229 60	10,976 28	100 00	3,308 08	.....	1,520 00
Mason	2,161 10	9,951 97	1,696 25	13,809 32	60 00	1,698 52	91 45	1,178 80
Mercer	218 21	1,132 02	.....	1,350 23	.....	135 00	29 50	240 00
Mineral	1,339 32	3 552 72	240 70	5,132 74	50 00	1,955 72	113 50	506 16
Monongalia	1,026 80	4,682 12	74 47	5,783 39	86 25	1,368 50	74 00	338 15
Monroe	105 32	2,425 79	.....	2,531 11	51 00	521 60	22 00	338 36
Morgan	289 01	3,741 37	27 38	4,057 76	100 00	1,369 93	.....	284 68
McDowell	.....	270 85	.....	270 85	.....	163 00	4 00	.....
Nicholas	458 87	1,285 90	.....	1,744 77	.....	509 54	12 00	96 86
Ohio	1,034 74	3,524 57	4 08	4,563 39	.....	966 67	16 00	290 47
Pendleton	454 12	1,315 54	.....	1,769 66	3 75	319 50	15 00	153 56
Pleasants	963 31	2,892 35	118 19	3,973 85	138 50	1,557 15	114 06	114 06
Pocahontas	1,050 00	1,020 73	17 28	2,088 01	1 00	213 00	.....	102 86
Preston	4,035 99	4,399 04	1,054 41	9,489 44	250 00	4,197 92	.....	1,108 46
Putnam	311 33	3,477 91	22 75	3,811 99	30 00	1,062 50	16 00	263 16
Raleigh	170 69	1,650 50	108 69	1,929 88	10 00	648 93	12 00	113 35
Randolph	147 80	1,437 01	37 35	1,622 16	.....	414 27	.....	247 64
Ritchie	339 38	4,586 68	853 77	5,779 83	.....	1,604 28	.....	94 50
Roane	318 21	3,206 40	10 00	3,534 61	.....	2,169 22	.....	40 48
Summers	358 34	1,676 66	33 61	2,068 61	24 50	714 00	54 00	54 04
Taylor	567 74	3,963 31	1,708 98	6,240 93	.....	317 50	14 00	536 25
Tucker	710 99	1,135 02	.....	1,846 01	.....	467 20	5 00	100 04
Tyler	107 91	3,445 23	1 50	3,554 64	56 25	1,539 99	.....	289 20
Upshur	524 78	2,872 17	130 63	3,527 58	47 00	1,696 20	5 36	318 98
Wayne	525 31	3,601 01	.....	4,126 32	187 82	762 00	24 00	379 00
Webster	557 65	814 65	1 35	1,373 65	5 00	476 20	13 00	13 61
Wetzel	36 30	5,548 64	96 98	5,681 92	.....	400 00	55 00	272 66
Wirt	1,254 65	3,159 53	20 30	4,434 48	2 50	1,721 39	11 00	117 81
Wood	2,415 82	9,926 09	207 00	12,548 91	50 00	308 80	25 00	950 55
Wyoming	306 42	1,360 83	.....	1,667 25	.....	202 00	162 00	56 97
Wheeling City	*.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	263 50	2,380 82
Martinsburg City	641 01	4.057 71	386 80	5,085 52	.....	.....	.....	644 16
Total	$45,183 66	$179,891 71	$13,009 36	$238,084 73	$2,497 77	$60,185 37	$3,169 79	$21,074 00

*All expenses paid out of a common fund.

B.

Expenditures of the Building Fund.

OF THE BUILDING FUND.

For Furniture.	For Apparatus.	For Interest.	For Enumeration of Youth.	For Commissions.	For Fuel.	For Sweeping Buildings and Making Fires.	For Contingencies.	Paid Secretary of Board of Education.	Total amount of Orders issued on Building Fund.
$ 19 55	$ 30 95	$ 67 53	$ 89 32	$ 88 44	$ 485 06	$ 272 00	$ 65 71	$ 152 00	$ 1,747 93
279 95	13 30	.....	84 50	248 32	766 12	44 50	345 08	120 00	2,768 69
4 00	10 21	.....	37 80	104 88	202 25	.....	52 46	70 00	1,201 32
.....	162 50	7 07	53 80	115 36	476 01	15 00	332 12	130 00	3,279 40
426 21	7 21	27 83	70 50	106 24	286 80	296 00	452 32	100 00	3,236 42
133 23	41 21	45 26	65 00	222 37	481 55	116 34	172 68	170 00	5,659 84
73 50	.....	9 25	56 51	32 57	362 65	24 25	40 81	115 00	1,078 17
73 05	13 39	7 75	21 90	28 64	235 44	.....	121 75	90 00	785 87
95 00	10 57	8 51	54 80	351 24	536 11	24 00	244 84	110 00	2,572 11
2 90	2 75	19 24	74 00	331 65	446 36	174 45	873 89	110 00	2,467 75
107 00	132 00	49 41	25 00	40 54	285 05	10 40	94 65	60 00	1,693 05
60 88	18 70	1 07	39 00	44 08	241 95	23 00	104 15	100 00	2,224 87
433 39	29 90	.....	89 25	446 21	558 91	69 50	151 19	215 00	5,276 89
38 20	3 80	3 23	66 25	192 58	285 73	24 05	152 63	165 00	1,668 47
136 80	.....	86 62	32 50	112 35	273 99	226 00	327 01	100 00	3,820 67
93 26	.....	.....	38 25	137 68	245 41	13 50	60 59	100 00	1,254 93
19 45	.....	.....	138 50	315 79	729 62	876 08	452 48	276 00	4,928 57
113 24	.....	10 47	77 00	202 31	933 48	100 50	214 25	130 00	4,226 66
924 03	27 75	71 91	100 00	272 79	529 11	175 75	1,783 27	165 00	6,249 03
399 35	792 50	147 50	217 50	363 83	176 34	763 77	947 02	300 00	12,293 04
11 95	.....	.....	80 50	139 36	534 16	236 22	465 10	150 00	3,372 67
.....	46 00	86 00	66 00	72 33	332 00	.....	65 10	195 00	1,493 43
.....	.....	.....	63 00	46 00	.....	.....	236 82	55 00	300 07
195 75	164 42	5 59	78 75	144 70	700 30	683 41	448 61	182 00	4,924 90
42 90	.....	196 81	133 00	637 61	1,364 45	1,019 00	1,415 76	165 00	9,902 61
635 30	4 50	136 24	125 25	276 35	1,194 66	872 19	541 90	260 00	7,687 93
.....	.....	.....	31 00	67 29	12 00	.....	86 78	105 00	855 13
381 83	3 70	53 91	57 50	245 90	275 40	76 75	375 27	130 50	2,980 74
10 45	.....	89 15	85 00	294 95	543 31	406 50	566 83	175 00	4,255 11
53 23	5 40	.....	81 00	349 97	493 02	26 40	108 56	150 00	2,200 54
416 13	.....	67 97	46 00	494 32	309 04	132 60	527 33	145 00	3,893 05
.....	2 00	.....	20 00	14 04	1 50	.....	22 03	50 00	274 43
.....	80 00	.....	61 65	75 05	297 06	.....	103 45	147 00	1,382 81
120 00	137 90	488 26	52 00	109 95	321 65	563 30	215 07	75 00	3,256 27
46 65	60 00	.....	54 87	43 55	251 96	.....	93 07	137 50	1,063 53
84 00	.....	3 00	31 75	104 77	273 11	92 85	65 50	150 00	2,614 69
130 66	2 50	20 00	43 25	70 15	151 81	.....	49 57	110 00	894 80
488 75	90 00	58 00	140 75	355 03	1,024 13	476 05	227 41	207 50	8,580 77
199 95	296 70	.....	85 50	332 75	336 33	88 40	189 93	175 00	3,857 36
67 90	4 70	39 83	47 50	77 27	215 25	.....	114 47	175 00	1,526 20
25 75	1 00	27 11	47 00	43 27	330 78	97 92	31 90	199 50	1,496 14
71 15	57 86	.....	33 50	144 38	887 67	256 80	156 03	125 00	3,391 17
69 20	13 41	129 00	70 97	80 38	232 28	75 75	190 75	160 00	3,202 81
1 70	14 02	.....	52 00	56 65	90 45	.....	98 14	140 00	1,299 50
229 35	.....	255 46	74 50	335 79	356 47	199 75	2,388 90	140 00	6,364 80
111 71	30 85	50 00	10 50	26 82	111 97	.....	6 90	85 00	1,006 09
1 35	1 95	12 64	80 22	92 52	605 69	377 00	192 46	125 00	3,828 28
115 75	.....	35 31	50 00	94 38	380 74	116 19	84 38	128 75	3,072 95
16 00	.....	.....	120 00	55 29	451 14	.....	255 70	175 00	1,745 12
45 00	.....	16 59	34 00	2 64	68 25	.....	5 20	75 00	753 49
56 20	48 79	94 83	122 00	238 75	777 63	393 00	311 09	150 00	4,395 75
81 55	42 00	577 85	38 25	212 64	399 61	144 00	87 65	137 66	3,954 07
262 56	209 57	25 60	135 50	322 30	1,089 53	267 90	395 93	150 00	4,193 44
23 00	.....	.....	45 50	13 68	69 50	.....	206 88	105 00	1,038 80
.....	.....	117 50	100 00	1,116 73	1,521 20	1,711 50	‡ 2,662 83	600 00	10,474 09
.....	108 56	541 70	10 00	375 11	469 30	473 00	569 40	100 00	3,371 23
$7,428 71	$2,722 57	$3,691 00	$3,849 65	$[illegible],920 54	$25,011 49	$11,935 57	$19,561 68	$8,323 41	204,874 55

‡Includes Superintendent's salary.

TABLE C.

Showing the Number and Value of School Houses and Other Property.

COUNTIES.	SCHOOL HOUSES.						VALUE OF SCHOOL HOUSES AND OTHER PROPERTY.					
	Frame.	Brick.	Stone.	Log.	Whole Number.	Aggregate Value.	Value of Furniture.	Value of Apparatus.	No. Vols. in Library.	Value of Library.	Value of Land.	Total Value of all School Property.
Barbour	65	.....	.....	14	79	$ 33,444 00	$ 177 00	$ 158 00	.....	$ 57 00	$ 1,055 00	$ 34,891 00
Berkeley	37	11	3	2	53	17,080 00	2,820 00	343 00	.....	.....	1,421 00	21,664 00
Boone	2	.....	.....	43	45	6,700 00	308 00	80 00	.....	.....	360 00	7,448 00
Braxton	24	.....	.....	49	73	22,045 00	184 50	.....	.....	.....	585 00	22,814 50
Brooke	21	4	.....	.....	25	35,600 00	1,350 00	211 00	500	500 00	3,455 00	41,116 00
Cabell	34	4	.....	23	61	26,292 00	2,760 00	.....	.....	.....	4,461 50	33,513 50
Calhoun	7	.....	.....	30	37	6,800 00	375 00	470 00	.....	.....	288 00	7,933 00
Clay	2	.....	.....	26	28	6,225 00	233 00	.....	.....	.....	198 00	6,656 00
Doddridge	53	.....	.....	11	64	23,485 63	1,689 00	425 03	.....	.....	1,874 50	27,474 13
Fayette	19	.....	.....	56	75	11,545 00	272 00	38 00	16	7 00	748 00	12,610 00
Gilmer	12	.....	.....	46	58	13,785 00	931 00	367 00	.....	.....	372 00	15,455 00
Grant	21	4	.....	17	42	13,176 00	1,597 00	26 00	.....	.....	710 00	15,509 00
Greenbrier	41	2	1	49	93	29,103 00	2,374 00	60 30	.....	.....	1,978 00	33,515 30
Hampshire	52	1	.....	22	75	21,767 50	268 00	25 00	.....	.....	1,016 00	23,076 50
Hancock	19	3	.....	.....	22	31,220 00	2,500 00	20 00	200	200 00	1,810 00	35,750 00
Hardy	17	2	.....	30	49	13,500 00	1,025 00	30 00	.....	.....	1,440 00	15,995 00
Harrison	110	1	.....	3	114	53,493 00	3,013 80	138 00	20	20 00	3,539 00	60,203 80
Jackson	66	.....	.....	41	107	27,124 00	1,394 00	.....	.....	.....	1,528 00	30,046 00
Jefferson	16	11	1	7	35	19,130 00	2,497 00	135 00	.....	.....	2,277 00	24,039 00
Kanawha	81	1	.....	62	144	57,736 00	7,604 50	1,737 00	75	275 00	7,670 00	75,022 50
Lewis	54	1	.....	27	82	29,400 00	150 00	50 00	.....	.....	2,620 00	32,220 00
Lincoln	6	.....	.....	53	59	11,328 00	438 00	557 00	.....	.....	397 00	12,720 00
Logan	.....	.....	.....	58	58	5,517 00	180 00	.....	.....	.....	300 00	5,997 00
Marion	101	3	.....	1	105	60,825 00	4,706 00	624 75	40	52 00	3,770 00	69,977 75
Marshall	80	2	1	12	95	68,753 00	3,462 00	818 00	90	.....	4,579 50	77,612 50
Mason	78	5	.....	26	109	52,519 80	3,227 00	236 00	.....	.....	6,114 00	62,096 80
Mercer	1	.....	.....	52	53	4,580 00	150 00	.....	.....	.....	445 00	5,175 00
Mineral	29	4	.....	4	37	20,155 00	2,679 35	52 50	.....	.....	2,020 00	24,906 85

TABLE C—*Continued.*

COUNTIES.	SCHOOL HOUSES.						VALUE OF SCHOOL HOUSES AND OTHER PROPERTY.					
	Frame.	Brick.	Stone.	Log.	Whole Number.	Aggregate Value.	Value of Furniture.	Value of Apparatus.	No. Vols. in Library.	Value of Library.	Value of Land.	Total Value of all School Property.
Monongalia	83	1	.....	.....	84	44,956 00	2,185 00	68 00	.....	.....	1,358 00	48,567 00
Monroe	64	1	.....	13	78	20,931 50	100 00	.....	.....	.....	1,150 50	22,182 00
Morgan	22	1	.....	5	28	14,209 00	1,339 00	12 00	.....	.....	1,233 50	16,793 50
McDowell	.....	.....	.....	13	13	220 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	220 00
Nicholas	12	.....	.....	44	56	9,842 00	210 00	9 00	.....	.....	234 80	10,295 80
Ohio	30	2	.....	.....	32	24,700 00	2,470 00	537 50	.....	.....	2,757 35	30,464 85
Pendleton	29	.....	.....	39	68	10,598 00	5,600 30	101 50	.....	.....	607 90	16,907 70
Pleasants	34	.....	.....	1	35	13,734 00	355 50	312 50	.....	.....	796 00	15,198 00
Pocahontas	24	2	.....	25	51	9,846 00	1,420 00	100 00	.....	.....	900 00	12,261 00
Preston	126	1	.....	.....	127	56,550 00	4,105 00	520 00	.....	.....	2,545 00	63,720 00
Putnam	40	1	.....	22	63	15,022 00	1,089 00	255 00	.....	.....	1,340 00	17,361 00
Raleigh	2	.....	.....	64	66	7,604 50	319 00	117 60	.....	.....	181 00	7,222 10
Randolph	28	.....	.....	25	53	11,037 00	860 00	.....	.....	.....	908 00	12,805 00
Ritchie	49	1	.....	41	91	26,445 00	925 00	.....	.....	.....	1,566 00	28,936 00
Roane	32	.....	.....	51	83	12,620 00	1,020 00	209 00	.....	.....	649 00	14,498 00
Summers	15	.....	.....	42	57	11,512 00	340 90	.....	.....	.....	505 00	12,464 90
Taylor	45	2	.....	1	48	27,746 00	1,722 00	300 00	.....	.....	3,840 00	33,653 00
Tucker	19	.....	.....	6	25	4,942 00	117 00	98 50	.....	.....	207 00	5,364 50
Tyler	57	1	.....	6	64	19,515 00	415 00	402 00	.....	.....	1,164 00	21,496 00
Upshur	73	.....	.....	1	74	27,775 00	954 00	22 00	.....	.....	1,319 00	30,070 00
Wayne	7	.....	.....	81	88	13,082 00	167 00	5 00	.....	.....	1,617 00	14,871 00
Webster	2	.....	.....	17	19	1,805 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	175 00	1,980 00
Wetzel	54	1	.....	25	80	23,807 66	1,420 00	611 00	.....	.....	1,317 00	37,255 66
Wirt	37	.....	.....	7	44	21,564 00	1,710 00	279 00	.....	.....	852 00	24,405 00
Wood	100	4	.....	8	112	65,250 00	4,902 00	1,383 00	.....	140 00	7,252 00	78,927 50
Wyoming	2	.....	.....	41	43	3,970 22	219 50	.....	.....	.....	197 00	4,558 72
Wheeling City	.....	8	.....	.....	8	169,608 95	14,570 74	1,000 00	.....	.....	51,500 00	236,679 69
Martinsburg City	1	5	.....	.....	6	24,000 00	3,000 00	350 00	.....	.....	6,000 00	33,050 00
Total	2,035	90	6	1,342	3,473	$ 1,415,221 76	$ 99,901 09	$ 13,294 15	941	$ 1,251 00	$ 147,203 55	$ 1,676,871 55

TABLE D.

Enumeration of Youth between six and twenty-one years, and number attending School.

COUNTIES.	WHITE.		COLOR'D		TOTAL.		TOTAL.			NUMBER ATTENDING SCHOOL.							DAILY AVERAGE ATTENDANCE.						
										WHITE.			COLOR'D.				WHITE.			COLOR'D.			
	Male.	Female.	Male.	Female.	Male.	Female.	White.	Colored.	Whole Number.	Male.	Female.	Total.	Male.	Female.	Total.	Whole Number.	Male.	Female.	Total.	Male.	Female.	Total.	Whole Number.
Barbour	2,087	1,896	77	83	2,164	1,959	3,983	160	4,143	1,693	1,337	3,030	42	42	84	3,114	1,095	798	1,893	24	32	56	1,949
Berkeley	1,648	1,402	253	195	1,901	1,597	3,050	448	3,498	1,352	987	2,339	118	77	195	2,534	742	543	1,285	70	51	121	1,406
Boone	1,034	902	19	40	1,053	942	1,936	59	1,995	612	507	1,119	9	11	20	1,139	391	315	706	6	9	15	721
Braxton	1,798	1,645	21	20	1,819	1,665	3,443	41	3,484	1,333	1,092	2,425	11	7	18	2,443	836	737	1,573	6	5	11	1,584
Brooke	916	985	16	14	932	999	1,901	30	1,931	673	636	1,309	4	11	15	1,324	482	441	923	2	6	8	931
Cabell	2,117	1,978	68	62	2,185	2,040	4,095	130	4,225	1,391	1,226	2,617	33	39	72	2,689	921	815	1,736	20	21	41	1,777
Calhoun	1,014	947	11	12	1,025	959	1,961	23	1,984	619	572	1,191	.....	.....	.....	1,191	382	371	753	.....	.....	.....	753
Clay	632	550	.....	.....	632	550	1,182	.....	1,182	461	337	798	.....	.....	.....	798	277	217	494	.....	.....	.....	494
Doddridge	1,924	1,698	6	7	1,930	1,705	3,622	13	3,635	1,311	964	2,275	.....	.....	.....	2,275	840	596	1,436	.....	.....	.....	1,436
Fayette	1,636	1,426	66	56	1,702	1,482	3,062	122	3,184	1,263	994	2,257	23	31	54	2 311	720	572	1,292	13	22	35	1,327
Gilmer	1,338	1,199	3	8	1,341	1,207	2,537	11	2,548	809	615	1,424	.....	.....	.....	1,424	519	411	930	.....	.....	.....	930
Grant	913	780	75	77	988	857	1,693	152	1,845	645	510	1,155	39	31	70	1,225	397	297	694	29	24	53	747
Greenbrier	1,938	1,864	280	265	2,218	2,129	3,802	545	4,347	1,428	1,142	2,570	147	161	308	2,878	905	727	1,632	128	127	255	1,887
Hampshire	1,557	1,445	103	92	1,660	1,537	3,002	195	3,197	1,239	968	2,207	33	41	74	2,281	822	620	1,442	27	33	60	1,502
Hancock	839	765	3	2	842	767	1,604	5	1,609	661	587	1,248	3	2	5	1,253	400	374	.....	.....	.....	.....	774
Hardy	1,045	976	109	92	1,154	1,068	2,021	201	2,222	784	616	1,400	77	88	165	1,565	498	378	876	45	44	89	965
Harrison	3,577	3,267	162	138	3,739	3,405	6,844	300	7,144	2,760	2,166	4,926	76	83	159	5,085	1,836	1,407	3,243	64	65	129	3,372
Jackson	2,891	2,608	15	17	2,906	2,625	5,499	32	5,531	2,103	1,750	3,853	.....	.....	.....	3,853	1,447	1,147	2,594	.....	.....	.....	2,594
Jefferson	1,894	1,831	640	603	2,534	2,434	3,725	1243	4,968	967	737	1,704	413	254	667	2,371	493	393	886	230	140	370	1,256
Kanawha	5,014	4,550	441	387	5,455	4,837	9,564	828	10,392	2,899	2,721	5,620	243	223	466	6,086	1,992	1,773	3,765	229	194	423	4,188
Lewis	2,237	1,980	35	41	2,272	2,021	4,217	76	4,293	1,226	1,237	2,463	.....	.....	.....	2,463	892	891	1,783	.....	.....	.....	1,783
Lincoln	1,495	1,500	6	5	1,501	1,505	2,995	11	3,006	1,638	1,316	2,954	12	15	27	2,981	1,133	882	2,015	11	14	25	2,040
Logan	1,200	1,047	20	15	1,220	1,062	2,247	35	2,282	524	393	917	5	3	8	925	74	54	128	.....	.....	.....	128
Marion	3,297	2,913	16	18	3,313	2,931	6,210	34	6,244	2,633	2,050	4,683	11	16	27	4,710	1,837	1,304	3,141	10	13	23	3,164
Marshall	3,453	3,160	4	.....	3,457	3,160	6,613	4	6,617	2,287	2,029	4,316	.....	.....	.....	4,316	1,611	1,504	3,115	.....	.....	.....	3,115
Mason	4,058	3,795	141	126	4,199	3,121	7,853	267	8,120	2,886	2,569	5,455	85	79	164	5,619	2,063	1,843	3,906	59	55	114	4,020
Mercer	1,269	1,196	55	52	1,324	1,248	2,465	107	2,572	855	744	1,599	8	12	20	1,619	536	415	951	2	6	8	959
Mineral	1,272	1,237	64	71	1,336	1,308	2,509	135	2,644	799	690	1,489	48	48	96	1,585	580	520	1,100	39	35	74	1,174

TABLE D.—*Continued.*

COUNTIES.	WHITE.		COLOR'D		TOTAL.		TOTAL.		Whole Number.	NUMBER ATTENDING SCHOOL.						Whole Number.	DAILY AVERAGE ATTENDANCE.						Whole Number.
										WHITE.			COLOR'D				WHITE.			COLOR'D.			
	Male.	Female.	Male.	Female.	Male.	Female.	White.	Colored.		Male.	Female.	Total.	Male.	Female.	Total.		Male.	Female.	Total.	Male.	Female.	Total.	
Monongalia	2,598	2,351	44	39	2,642	2,390	4,949	83	5 032	2,182	1,728	3 910	21	20	41	3.951	1,571	1,222	2,793	19	17	36	2,839
Monroe	1,745	1,489	166	149	1,911	1,638	3,234	315	3,549	1,332	1,016	2,348	70	80	150	2,498	913	683	1,596	50	59	109	1,705
Morgan	938	777	36	32	974	809	1,715	68	1,783	670	513	1,183	20	25	45	1,228	402	286	688	14	14	25	716
McDowell	550	490	.....	.....	550	490	1,040	.....	1,040	450	420	870	.....	.....	.....	870	255	282	537	.....	.....	.....	537
Nicholas	1,284	1,206	9	13	1,293	1,219	2,490	22	2,512	867	684	1,551	8	11	19	1,570	585	444	1,029	2	7	9	1,038
Ohio	1,105	1,050	15	18	1,120	1,068	2,155	33	2,188	726	659	1,385	14	16	30	1,415	422	392	814	9	9	18	832
Pendleton	1,389	1,348	12	17	1,401	1,365	2,737	29	2,766	1,130	871	2,001	.....	.....	.....	2,001	697	556	1,253	.....	.....	.....	1,253
Pleasants	1,113	967	2	3	1,115	970	2,080	5	2 085	704	613	1,317	.....	.....	.....	1,317	456	386	842	.....	.....	.....	842
Pocahontas	838	773	56	47	894	820	1,611	103	1,714	666	525	1,191	46	40	86	1,277	451	346	797	24	24	48	845
Preston	3,482	3,157	22	19	3,504	3,176	6,639	41	6,680	2,834	2,265	5,099	15	8	23	5,122	2,646	1,486	3,532	10	6	16	3,548
Putnam	1,964	1,785	61	51	2,025	1,836	3,749	112	3,861	1,272	1,089	2,361	42	39	81	2,442	838	667	1,505	38	33	71	1,576
Raleigh	1,342	1,178	6	5	1,348	1,183	2,520	11	2,531	959	802	1,761	.....	.....	.....	1,761	622	482	1,104	.....	.....	.....	1,104
Randolph	1,351	1,246	8	17	1,359	1,263	2,597	25	2,622	860	706	1,566	.....	.....	.....	1,566	556	448	1,004	.....	.....	.....	1,004
Ritchie	2,314	2,007	5	5	2,319	2,012	4,321	10	4,331	1,750	1,489	3 239	.....	1	1	3,240	1,237	981	2,218	.....	1	1	2,219
Roane	2,040	1,751	2	7	2,042	1,758	3,791	9	3,800	1,712	1,281	2,993	1	4	5	2,998	1,173	778	1,951	1	4	5	1,956
Summers	1,358	1,190	117	129	1,475	1,319	2,548	246	2,794	950	695	1,645	73	65	138	1,783	626	465	1,091	45	43	88	1,179
Taylor	1,871	1,834	75	64	1,946	1,898	3,705	139	3,844	1,317	1,110	2,427	28	37	65	2,492	949	781	1,730	29	20	49	1,779
Tucker	510	491	.....	.....	510	491	1,001	.....	1,001	367	278	645	.....	.....	.....	645	262	193	455	.....	.....	.....	455
Tyler	1,972	1,852	.....	.....	1,972	1,852	3,824	.....	3,824	1,540	1,228	2,768	.....	.....	.....	2,768	1,004	788	1,792	.....	.....	.....	1,792
Upsbur	1,721	1,703	41	27	1,762	1 730	3,424	68	3,492	1,432	1,196	2,6 8	23	22	45	2,6 3	918	741	1,659	19	13	32	1,691
Wayne	2,672	2,512	33	19	2,705	2,531	5,184	52	5,236	1,767	1,410	3,177	.....	.....	.....	3,177	1,123	922	2,045	.....	.....	.....	2,045
Webster	529	501	.....	.....	529	501	1,030	.....	1,030	328	276	604	.....	.....	.....	604	250	210	460	.....	.....	.....	460
Wetzel	2,697	2,340	.....	.....	2,697	2,340	5,037	.....	5,037	1,799	1,458	3,257	.....	.....	.....	3,257	1,077	830	1,907	.....	.....	.....	1,907
Wirt	1,299	1,172	.....	1	1,299	1,173	2,471	1	2,472	819	720	1,539	.....	.....	.....	1,539	554	484	1,038	.....	.....	.....	1,038
Wood	4,168	3,895	105	113	4,213	4,008	8,003	218	8,221	2,804	2,575	5,379	52	59	111	5,490	1,962	1,826	3,788	47	4	51	3,839
Wyoming	799	696	11	9	810	705	1,495	20	1,515	582	420	1,002	.....	.....	.....	1,002	429	278	707	.....	.....	.....	707
Wheeling City	5,114	4,921	149	140	5,263	5,061	10,035	289	10,324	2,457	2,113	4,570	52	66	118	4,688	1,787	1,660	3,397	38	39	77	3,474
Martinsburg City	897	927	80	93	977	1,020	1,824	173	1,997	422	570	992	53	50	103	1,095	360	480	840	42	40	82	922
Total	103,693	95,151	3764	3515	107,457	98,666	198,844	7279	206,123	71,549	61,202	132,751	1958	1817	3775	136,526	48,196	39,442	87,638	1401	1229	2630	90,268

TABLE E.

Sub-Districts, Schools, Number and Grade of Certificates.

COUNTIES.	DISTRICTS.		SCHOOLS.				EXAMINATION AND GRADE OF CERTIFICATE.						
	No. of Districts.	No. of Sub-Districts.	High.	Graded.	Common.	Total.	No. 1.	No 2.	No. 3.	No. 4.	No. 5.	Number Granted.	Number Rejected.
Barbour	8	80	.....	.....	81	81	16	34	28	7	.....	85	.....
Berkeley	6	46	.....	.....	58	58	30	25	10	6	.....	71	.....
Boone	5	45	.....	.....	45	45	21	14	5	.....	.....	40	.....
Braxton	6	78	.....	1	84	85	23	24	22	7	2	78	.....
Brooke	3	26	1	4	24	29	33	14	2	.....	.....	49	1
Cabell	7	55	.....	3	64	67	58	71	18	.....	.....	147	.....
Calhoun	5	40	.....	.....	38	38	9	16	7	1	.....	33	.....
Clay	5	23	.....	.....	30	30	22	5	2	2	2	33	.....
Doddridge	8	67	1	1	66	68	7	27	30	9	.....	73	.....
Fayette	5	75	.....	.....	78	78	60	50	.....	1	.....	111	2
Gilmer	5	60	.....	.....	60	60	13	21	15	7	2	58	.....
Grant	5	42	.....	3	40	43	12	20	12	1	2	47	2
Greenbrier	10	87	.....	1	106	107	27	33	28	8	.....	101	.....
Hampshire	7	59	.....	7	72	79	6	25	31	12	4	78	7
Hancock	4	22	.....	1	23	24	17	14	10	.....	.....	41	8
Hardy	4	15	.....	.....	54	54	3	15	30	5	.....	53	.....
Harrison	13	94	.....	3	118	121	75	53	30	2	.....	160	4
Jackson	6	109	.....	1	108	109	60	29	9	.....	.....	98	.....
Jefferson	7	26	.....	1	41	42	29	10	16	.....	.....	55	.....
Kanawha	12	154	2	6	147	155	47	76	8	.....	.....	131	.....
Lewis	6	82	.....	1	82	83	47	20	10	2	1	80	3
Lincoln	8	59	.....	.....	59	59	33	20	2	1	.....	56	.....
Logan	5	66	.....	.....	66	66	22	12	6	3	4	47	.....
Marion	9	102	1	5	103	109	62	120	43	4	.....	229	.....
Marshall	10	94	.....	4	92	96	28	44	11	8	5	96	.....
Mason	12	119	.....	13	110	123	53	65	15	.....	.....	133	.....
Mercer	5	59	.....	.....	63	63	58	15	1	.....	.....	74	.....
Mineral	7	34	.....	3	42	45	12	17	11	5	1	46	.....
Monongalia	8	84	.....	1	85	86	50	105	7	.....	.....	162	.....
Monroe	6	69	.....	.....	83	83	56	14	1	1	.....	72	.....
Morgan	6	27	.....	1	28	29	21	19	19	.....	1	60	.....
McDowell	3	12	.....	.....	22	22	18	4	2	.....	.....	24	10
Nicholas	6	59	.....	.....	59	59	29	22	6	1	.....	58	.....
Ohio	5	32	.....	.....	36	36	16	11	2	.....	.....	29	.....
Pendleton	6	69	.....	.....	71	71	20	21	23	5	1	70	8
Pleasants	6	34	.....	1	35	36	19	17	4	4	.....	44	.....
Pocahontas	4	38	.....	.....	53	53	17	22	11	2	.....	52	.....
Preston	10	126	.....	4	123	127	41	79	11	.....	.....	131	.....
Putnam	7	62	.....	2	65	67	36	73	6	1	.....	116	.....
Raleigh	7	66	.....	.....	70	70	2	22	24	6	.....	54	.....
Randolph	9	59	.....	1	59	60	5	17	22	13	1	58	.....
Ritchie	5	91	.....	3	88	91	15	43	26	2	.....	86	1
Roane	8	53	.....	.....	84	84	32	39	10	.....	.....	81	.....
Summers	5	60	.....	.....	67	67	30	23	7	1	.....	61	.....
Taylor	7	48	.....	7	57	64	12	24	8	.....	1	45	1
Tucker	5	31	.....	.....	34	34	6	19	7	1	.....	33	.....
Tyler	6	66	.....	1	65	66	24	33	16	4	.....	77	.....
Upshur	6	73	.....	2	73	75	18	29	31	5	.....	83	.....
Wayne	7	95	.....	2	93	95	36	47	13	4	.....	100	4
Webster	4	35	.....	.....	33	33	14	10	9	2	1	36	.....
Wetzel	6	80	.....	1	79	80	58	80	14	2	.....	154	6
Wirt	7	46	1	1	43	45	25	18	10	5	2	60	.....
Wood	11	106	1	7	106	114	90	67	27	8	.....	192	20
Wyoming	6	42	.....	.....	47	47	21	6	6	3	6	42	3
Wheeling City	1	7	.....	8	.....	8	81	10	.....	.....	.....	91	40
Martinsburg City	1	5	1	5	.....	6	11	8	.....	.....	.....	19	.....
Total	361	3,383	8	105	3,612	3,725	1686	1776	734	161	36	4.393	120

TABLE F.

Number of Teachers and Number of Months Taught.

COUNTIES.	TEACHERS.							MONTHS TAUGHT.							
	WHITE.			COLORED				BY WHITE.			BY COLORED.				
	Male.	Female.	Total.	Male.	Female.	Total.	Whole Number.	Male.	Female.	Total.	Male.	Female.	Total.	Whole Number.	General Average Number of Months Taught.
Barbour	67	12	79	2	1	3	82	268	48	316	8	4	12	328	4.00
Berkeley	37	13	50	5	3	8	58	276	104	380	36	23	59	439	6.66
Boone	40	13	53	...	...	.....	53	116	29	145	.....	.....	.....	145	2 60
Braxton	61	25	86	...	...	.....	86	256	82	338	.....	.....	.....	338	4.16
Brooke	20	16	36	...	...	.....	36	126	108	234	.....	.....	.....	234	7.00
Cabell	48	21	69	2	...	2	71	214	111	325	12	.....	12	337	4 75
Calhoun	36	10	46	...	...	.....	46	126	39	165	.....	.....	.....	165	3 61
Clay	29	2	31	...	...	.....	31	109	8	117	.....	.....	.....	117	3 96
Doddridge	44	16	60	...	...	.....	60	179	66	245	.....	.....	.....	245	4 30
Fayette	61	14	75	2	...	2	77	239	60	299	4	.....	4	303	3 50
Gilmer	51	11	62	...	...	.....	62	193	48	241	.....	.....	.....	241	4 00
Grant	37	6	43	3	...	3	46	143	24	167	12	.....	12	179	4.41
Greenbrier	84	16	100	9	6	15	115	384	65	449	36	19	55	504	4 38
Hampshire	60	18	78	2	1	3	81	238	72	310	8	3	11	321	3 90
Hancock	18	11	29	...	...	.....	29	110	67	177	.....	.....	.....	177	6 00
Hardy	41	12	53	3	1	4	57	159	45	204	12	4	16	220	3.87
Harrison	107	22	129	4	...	4	133	462	121	583	21	.....	21	604	4.54
Jackson	84	26	110	...	...	.....	110	283	154	437	.....	.....	.....	437	4 33
Jefferson	30	7	37	9	2	11	48	256	66	322	79	17	96	418	8 75
Kanawha	123	60	183	12	5	17	200	555	293	848	69	25	94	942	5 12
Lewis	70	17	87	1	...	1	88	288	84	372	8	.....	8	380	4.30
Lincoln	43	17	60	...	...	.....	60	128	54	182	.....	.....	.....	182	3.14
Logan	58	6	64	1	...	1	65	138	13	151	1	.....	1	152	2.20
Marion	94	26	120	...	...	.....	120	389	128	517	.....	.....	.....	517	3.30
Marshall	76	33	109	...	...	.....	109	342	182	524	.....	.....	.....	524	5 00
Mason	88	45	133	3	1	4	137	423	249	672	16	6	22	694	5 00
Mercer	55	6	61	2	...	2	63	200	7	207	6	.....	6	213	3 40
Mineral	30	20	50	3	2	5	55	132	97	229	4	16	20	249	4.70
Monongalia	72	20	92	2	...	2	94	292	100	392	12	.....	12	404	4.30
Monroe	72	6	78	6	...	6	84	281	24	305	24	.....	24	329	3.60
Morgan	29	1	30	1	...	1	31	138	6	144	6	.....	6	150	4 55
McDowell	8	1	9	...	...	.....	9	59	2	61	.....	.....	.....	61	2 25
Nicholas	52	7	59	1	...	1	60	196	24	220	4	.....	4	224	4 00
Ohio	21	20	41	1	...	1	42	138	135	273	5	.....	5	278	6.60
Pendleton	66	7	73	...	...	.....	73	258	27	285	.....	.....	.....	285	3 82
Pleasants	23	12	35	...	...	.....	35	103	52	155	.....	.....	.....	155	4.70
Pocahontas	38	15	53	4	...	4	57	142	48	190	16	.....	16	206	3 75
Preston	115	21	136	1	...	1	137	460	82	542	4	.....	4	546	4 00
Putnam	54	14	68	1	2	3	71	227	55	282	3	7	10	292	4.14
Raleigh	58	12	70	...	...	.....	70	221	40	261	.....	.....	.....	261	3 70
Randolph	49	12	61	...	...	.....	61	183	48	231	.....	.....	.....	231	3 80
Ritchie	63	31	94	...	...	.....	94	256	120	376	.....	.....	.....	376	4.50
Roane	72	12	84	...	...	.....	84	292	44	336	.....	.....	.....	336	4.00
Summers	54	3	57	4	...	4	61	176	27	203	18	.....	18	221	2.60
Taylor	44	17	61	...	...	.....	61	192	82	274	.....	.....	.....	274	4.40
Tucker	29	5	34	...	...	.....	34	76	17	93	.....	.....	.....	93	3.20
Tyler	57	13	70	...	...	.....	70	225	52	277	.....	.....	.....	277	4.00
Upshur	61	17	78	1	...	1	79	243	67	310	4	.....	4	314	4 00
Wayne	74	20	94	1	...	1	95	304	88	392	3	.....	3	395	4.16
Webster	29	4	33	...	...	.....	33	84	12	96	.....	.....	.....	96	2 85
Wetzel	62	20	82	...	...	.....	82	248	80	328	.....	.....	.....	328	4.00
Wirt	37	11	48	...	...	.....	48	151	42	193	.....	.....	.....	193	4.40
Wood	70	61	131	1	2	3	134	431	338	769	9	18	27	796	6.00
Wyoming	42	5	47	...	...	.....	47	109	24	133	.....	.....	.....	133	30
Wheeling City	6	81	87	1	1	2	89	60	810	870	10	10	20	890	1.00
Martinsburg City	4	13	17	1	1	2	19	40	130	170	10	10	20	190	1.00
Total	3053	961	4014	89	28	117	4131	12,317	5000	17,317	460	162	622	18,939	4.58

TABLE G.

Age of Pupils, Number Studying and Number of Visits.

COUNTIES.	Average Age of Pupils.			Number of Pupils Studying.										Visits.		
	Male.	Female.	Gen'l Average.	Orthography.	Reading.	Writing.	Arithmetic.	Geography.	Eng. Grammar.	History.	Algebra.	German.	Other Branches.	By County Superintendent.	By Others.	Total.
Barbour	11.00	11.00	11.00	2,948	2,233	1,634	1,190	459	358	117	.....	.....	51	85	317	402
Berkeley	10.81	10.24	10 52	2,414	2,191	749	1,524	807	570	194	.....	.....	79	103	128	231
Boone	11.00	11.00	11 00	856	571	459	337	120	41	52	.....	.....	.....	29	144	173
Braxton	11 00	11.00	11 00	2,238	1,682	962	741	394	313	159	.....	.....	12	77	253	330
Brooke	10.66	11 33	11 00	1,236	1,096	968	1,156	559	368	145	.....	.....	196	72	291	363
Cabell	12.00	10 00	11.00	2,147	1,855	1,282	1,319	736	376	158	.....	2	43	89	643	732
Calhoun	Not	report	ed	851	676	459	293	142	98	27	.....	.....	10	58	121	179
Clay	11.00	9 12	10.70	592	422	175	164	50	56	16	.....	.....	.....	28	84	112
Doddridge	11.30	11.70	11 50	1,940	1,575	998	881	420	257	88	.....	.....	27	65	982	1,047
Fayette	11 50	11 50	11.00	1,995	1,639	979	937	486	371	94	.....	.....	9	66	388	454
Gilmer	11.00	10 60	10.80	1,313	1,085	735	554	209	193	105	.....	.....	14	55	273	328
Grant	11.90	10 40	11.15	1,055	948	771	640	221	108	84	.....	.....	11	45	118	163
Greenbrier	10.80	10.60	10 70	2,375	1,849	1,437	1,205	607	250	108	.....		83	53	406	459
Hampshire	11 50	10 50	11.00	2,189	1,766	1,626	1,335	695	437	213	.....		63	39	346	385
Hancock	11.00	11.00	11 00	892	718	535	611	305	114	93	.....		86	28	88	116
Hardy	11.08	11.08	11 08	1,411	1,071	1,027	756	302	248	145	.....	35	85	41	190	231
Harrison	11.00	11.00	11 00	4,588	3,933	2 999	2,900	1,336	747	280	121		11	119	1,498	1,617
Jackson	11.20	10 00	10.60	3,645	2,842	1,859	1,656	463	267	130	.....		5	85	688	773
Jefferson	11.00	10 40	10.70	2,080	1,850	1,821	1,533	992	455	384	.....		143	53	226	279
Kanawha	11.60	11.10	11.30	4,670	3,848	2,776	2,807	1,604	1,056	484	.....		130	195	275	470
Lewis	10.50	11.50	11 00	2,676	2,173	1,605	1,456	339	485	201	.....		50	80	387	467
Lincoln	11.60	10 50	11 05	1,173	953	573	477	222	345	56	.....		.....	65	101	166
Logan	11.00	11 00	11.00	634	248	151	122	45	28	6	.....		.....	59	107	166
Marion	11.50	11 50	11.50	4 328	3,916	2,842	2,577	1 298	725	454	.....		162	128	633	751
Marshall	11 20	11 50	11.30	3,591	3 382	2,714	2,505	1,479	981	435	.....		127	110	255	365
Mason	11 00	12 00	11.50	4,475	3,462	2,760	2,340	1,314	1,019	366	.....		77	100	476	576
Mercer	10.60	9 66	10.00	997	736	309	503	133	217	63	.....		4	51	138	189
Mineral	12.16	11.23	11.80	1,516	1,386	1,041	1,057	613	325	147	.....		82	51	277	328

TABLE G—*Continued.*

COUNTIES.	Average Age of Pupils.			Number of Pupils Studying.										Visits.		
	Male.	Female.	Gen'l Average.	Orthography.	Reading.	Writing.	Arithmetic.	Geography.	Eng. Grammar.	History.	Algebra.	German.	Other Branches.	By County Superintendent.	By Others.	Total.
Monongalia	11.00	11.00	11 00	3,420	2,693	2,181	1,613	988	762	816	.....	.....	308	94	386	480
Monroe	Not	report	ed.	1,246	1,042	512	660	214	243	50	.....	.....	.....	74	172	246
Morgan	11.51	11 28	11.39	823	758	573	466	171	117	32	.....	.....	61	30	55	85
McDowell	11 30	11.00	11 10	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	28	34	62
Nicholas	12.00	11.08	11 50	1,475	1.161	714	606	273	190	45	.....	.....	.....	55	218	273
Ohio	11 00	10 40	10 70	1,311	1,232	958	982	440	221	.....	.....	.....	74	44	127	171
Pendleton	12.40	11.50	11.90	1,473	1 190	969	739	175	147	80	.....	22	.....	37	176	213
Pleasants	12 00	10.00	11.00	1,309	913	592	456	183	97	62	.....	.....	11	36	101	137
Pocahontas	10.75	10.00	10 37	1,139	841	621	555	204	133	55	.....	.....	11	52	122	174
Preston	11.00	10.22	10.66	4,898	3,672	2.878	2.514	868	658	402	.....	.....	95	134	360	494
Putnam	12.00	10.00	11 00	2.032	1,618	1,040	1,035	368	331	111	.....	.....	36	84	140	224
Raleigh	11 40	11 30	11 30	1,382	878	643	496	215	138	55	.....	.....	5	57	202	259
Randolph	11.20	10 80	11 00	1,296	945	616	652	268	138	62	.....	.....	27	43	973	1,016
Ritchie	13 00	13.00	13 00	2,500	2,789	1,603	1,378	625	294	157	.....	.....	25	91	431	532
Roane	12.00	13.00	12 50	2,784	2,120	1,194	1,012	394	84	5	.....	.....	40	79	331	410
Summers	Not	report	ed	945	923	605	529	209	154	80	.....	.....	10	67	275	342
Taylor	10.00	10.25	10.12	2,234	1,762	1,588	1,495	672	374	204	.....	.....	56	8	300	308
Tucker	11.50	11.50	11 50	431	296	272	223	62	63	17	.....	.....	13	33	234	367
Tyler	11.20	10.40	10 80	2,556	2,117	1,757	1,520	679	338	142	.....	.....	113	66	949	1,015
Upshur	11.00	10.05	10.75	2,573	2,117	1,295	1,212	351	297	104	.....	.....	77	75	184	259
Wayne	Not	report	ed.	2,290	1,617	899	783	495	193	99	.....	.....	85	99	849	948
Webster	10.45	9.82	10.13	534	410	189	124	54	26	16	.....	.....	.....	22	86	108
Wetzel	12.33	11.50	11.76	2,611	1,650	1,202	883	338	344	316	.....	.....	99	84	202	286
Wirt	11.00	12 00	11.50	1,461	1,042	811	675	306	187	132	.....	.....	64	35	398	433
Wood	11.00	12 00	11.50	5,176	4,362	3,604	3,017	2,042	1,157	519	.....	.....	185	119	773	892
Wyoming	11.70	11.50	11.60	826	475	327	221	73	93	22	.....	.....	7	51	134	185
Wheeling	10.00	10 50	10.25	4,938	4,855	4,536	3.419	2,916	972	481	335	631	.....	464	176	640
Martinsburg	11.50	12 00	11.75	1,099	650	650	360	340	200	80	72	18	64	.....	71	71
Total	10.86	11.08	10.70	115,600	93,935	59,075	61,211	30,273	18,759	8,848	528	649	3,045	4,090	18,38.	22,472

TABLE

Amount of District Levies; Amount of Delinquent Lists; Total Receipts Average Cost

COUNTIES.	District Levies.				Delinquent Lists.	
	Number of Cents for Building Fund	Number of Cents for Teachers' Fund.	Amount Levied for Building Fund.	Amount Levied for Teachers' Fund.	Amount of Delinquent List Returned for Building Fund	Amount of Delinquent List Returned for Teachers' Fund.
Barbour	13.3	19 3	$ 2,281 17	$ 3,522 53	$ 66 23	$ 75 49
Berkeley	6.6	22.0	2,449 87	8,220 30	39 66	59 66
Boone	16 3	48.0	1,054 47	2,759 65	90 10	227 79
Braxton	25 0	36.6	4,135 31	5,745 85	1,042 95	1,460 37
Brooke	11.3	21 3	3 676 25	6 281 74	14 21	25 45
Cabell	22 0	33.0	5,700 13	8,654 40	251 02	642 90
Calhoun	57 0	46.0	1,937 20	2,407 46	136 78	170 90
Clay	7 2	8 0	1,198 44	1,172 55	187 95	235 63
Doddridge	22 1	30.5	3 145 28	4,775 85	365 61	507 65
Fayette	22 0	44 0	3,401 59	6,798 72	627 06	1,178 35
Gilmer	28.0	34.6	2,447 91	3,046 94	214 87	358 67
Grant	20 5	20 5	1,484 22	3,510 93	1 54	31 20
Greenbrier	12 5	22.8	5,747 68	9,356 67	143 45	22 47
Hampshire	7.7	18 7	2,098 13	4,367 50	21 52	39 90
Hancock	17.2	21.5	3,772 43	4,109 97	32 74	38 71
Hardy	8.0	15 5	1,538 58	3,091 10	17 91	28 48
Harrison	7 0	16.0	4 162 34	12,197 31	67 94	167 25
Jackson	19.0	18.0	5,465 52	6,896 15	321 37	632 71
Jefferson	13 3	21.2	6 262 30	11,237 67	43 10	76 78
Kanawha	25.0	40 0	10,859 45	20,096 73	1,914 75	3,423 08
Lewis	9 6	23 0	2,806 44	7,118 43	55 88	170 31
Lincoln	31.0	45 0	2,663 22	4,019 51	415 93	546 20
Logan	26 0	46.0	1,640 00	3,138 86	262 34	445 65
Marion	8 5	17 2	4,012 59	8,388 59	62 09	144 98
Marshall	17.0	20 7	7,585 66	10,540 49	40 38	43 65
Mason	19.8	24.3	10,633 53	13,432 75	630 63	401 44
Mercer	20 0	41 0	1,132 02	2,521 48	29 29	93 68
Mineral	14.5	18 0	3,552 72	5,385 31	74 00	118 33
Monongalia	9.2	17.1	4,735 90	5,952 24	36 83	9 86
Monroe	9 0	28 8	2,423 69	7,464 07	24 81	115 23
Morgan	18 3	20.0	3,764 28	2,951 01	22 91	19 05
McDowell	26 6	20 0	1,108 38	1,229 30	861 53	1,046 31
Nicholas	27 5	40.3	2,334 13	2,567 83	822 99	1,072 35
Ohio	14 8	24 4	3,665 21	8,467 63	* 142 09	* 237 95
Pendleton	8.8	29.7	1,406 42	4,704 27	.....	.....
Pleasants	28.0	31.0	2,892 35	3,413 58	64 96	130 19
Pocahontas	6 0	23 2	1,057 75	3,473 31	38 03	91 79
Preston	13 0	27.0	4,835 66	9,177 60	156 58	320 29
Putnam	19 3	29 3	3 553 56	5,361 97	99 02	125 54
Raleigh	30.3	37 1	2,111 08	2,924 10	460 58	711 80
Randolph	19 4	37.0	1,515 96	3,589 78	78 95	197 78
Ritchie	29.0	41 0	4 814 67	7,038 57	227 99	390 07
Roane	31.5	41.5	2,805 56	4,701 44	98 24	176 72
Summers	20.4	50 0	1,728 34	4,060 06	58 68	157 31
Taylor	10.1	11.7	4,432 63	2,191 82	239 36	112 24
Tucker	28 0	32.2	1,135 02	1,340 33	95 38	110 71
Tyler	19.0	28.0	3,531 51	5,104 91	103 74	194 64
Upshur	14 6	22.5	3 135 29	3 959 42	246 62	228 48
Wayne	23.0	34.0	3 783 83	6,283 14	117 87	178 24
Webster	31 2	37.5	3,208 99	2,834 97	2,394 14	1,525 66
Wetzel	34.2	31 6	6,007 98	5,198 40	459 34	406 14
Wirt	35.5	41.4	3,461 52	3 853 97	* 301 99	* 385 57
Wood	14.0	30.0	10,162 11	17,574 03	169 95	379 02
Wyoming	31.7	48.3	1,340 83	2,451 84	430 08	807 19
Wheeling City	13.0	13.0	18,916 89	18,916 89	495 71	495 71
Martinsburg City	2 5	3.0	4,865 53	4,057 71	569 40	.....
Total	**18.6**	**28.7**	**$ 215,489 52**	**$ 333,580 63**	**$12,988 17**	**$ 20,985 53**

H.

and Expenditures; Balance on Hand; Apportionment to Teachers and per Pupil.

Total Receipts for all Purposes, Including Balance on Hand and State School Fund at Beginning of the School Year.	GENERAL SUMMARY.						
	Total Amount Reported Expended of Building Fund.	Total Amount Reported Expended of Teachers' Fund.	Balance on Hand of Building Fund.	Balance on Hand of Teachers' Fund.	Amount Teachers' Fund Apportioned to Whites.	Amount Teachers' Fund Apportioned to Color'd.	Average Cost Per Pupil.
$ 16,402 37	$ 1,747 93	$ 7,166 10	$ 1,993 09	$ 2,614 94	$ 9,027 57	$ 239 00	3.60
19,809 79	2 763 69	12,018 60	601 50	1,799 90	13 724 54	1,494 90	6 29
7.646 13	1.201 32	4.197 53	339 30	734 34	4,125 53	72 00	5 41
14.777 43	3 219 93	7,227 25	3,733 72	1,647 71	6,393 37	73 00	4 00
14,931 08	3,236 42	8,546 05	1,064 43	1,770 96	11,614 17	169 40	10.43
24,003 34	5,659 84	11,578 78	1,939 82	2,244 45	12,451 45	496 00	6.85
8,396 59	1,078 17	* 8,773 87	1,068 35	1 237 37	1,073 64	.....	6.98
9,603 24	785 87	2,549 93	1.567 42	1,533 30	2.549 93	.....	4.41
15,056 76	2,572 11	5,854 93	1,694 50	3,004 46	13,215 00	.....	4 40
13,254 46	2.467 75	10,019 07	712 27	439 39	11.748 55	79 06	5.85
10,105 51	1,693 05	5,259 97	334 14	1,833 52	5,259 97	.....	4.77
10,166 24	2,224 87	5 225 36	497 57	912 75	7,152 68	226 31	7.01
28,465 01	5,232 73	12,528 56	1,917 21	3,913 95	13,427 94	1,851 38	7.18
13.639 84	1,663 47	8 397 33	473 20	1,325 44	9.926 39	210 50	6 43
12.936 93	3,820 67	5,864 51	931 34	705 25	5.864 51	.....	6 00
8,851 65	1,261 49	5,121 62	493 63	1,312 25	5,997 79	798 96	6.34
41,390 97	4,923 57	19,935 57	2.223 40	6 004 08	19,211 96	723 61	5.05
21,219 83	4,226 66	12,248 91	2,002 67	2,031 36	29,950 76	.....	4 54
34.519 43	6.249 03	15.527 85	767 11	2,518 70	14,574 91	4.249 19	11.56
46,939 88	12,238 04	30.231 26	3,063 39	1,520 13	34,847 76	4,678 96	6.37
17,397 63	3,372 67	10,243 65	954 79	1,826 51	4,795 81	94 17	4 29
13,558 35	1,493 43	4,406 00	1,043 93	2,785 53	4,406 00	.....	2 50
6,341 20	300 07	.....	113 71	94 94	2,199 61	24 00	4 00
26.011 97	4,924 90	14 031 12	1,468 25	1,723 48	24,372 99	290 00	4 43
37,093 45	9.932 61	14.492 76	1,164 25	6,764 62	14.492 76	.....	5 07
52,876 16	7,647 93	23,467 74	6,032 73	6,534 97	34.225 22	833 35	6.69
7,319 92	855 13	4.909 50	255 41	278 21	4,227 74	158 84	3 86
17 031 33	3,930 74	7,507 92	1,613 74	1,800 82	11,564 66	509 50	7 30
21.290 27	4,355 11	11,863 41	1,150 01	933 62	14,096 45	372 00	3 66
16,487 09	2,200 54	9,156 31	424 50	2,130 47	8,592 31	564 00	4.90
11,950 81	3,893 05	4,501 93	574 20	1,360 70	5,731 63	170 00	7 02
2,995 13	274 43	1,315 45	.....	165 92	1 315 45	.....	1 08
6,609 62	1,332 81	5.235 07	109 66	376 91	5,097 16	104 00	4.15
16,349 46	3,256 27	9 947 01	1,306 92	863 31	15.007 60	122 40	2 16
7,826 73	1.063 53	6.792 67	433 13	1,232 91	7 971 77	24 00	4 97
11,803 10	2,614 60	4,638 00	1,433 22	1.803 96	10,464 87	.....	7.41
10,148 98	894 80	4.495 65	1,093 31	1,155 15	5,433 48	232 92	5 89
32,709 66	8,530 77	15,655 42	1,713 37	2,745 02	21,149 19	87 00	6 66
15,018 56	3,390 53	9,212 95	573 93	1,219 44	9.184 37	311 71	7 33
9,462 12	1,526 20	4.861 12	403 63	1,133 72	5,994 84	.....	4 40
9.278 86	1.196 14	5,338 33	126 02	1,076 16	5 363 36	.....	5 16
20,531 57	3,391 17	10.653 61	2,279 06	3,343 72	19 535 85	24 27	3 53
13 393 53	3,202 81	8,653 92	318 21	855 13	8 636 92	.....	7.35
11,097 01	1,239 50	5,011 21	769 11	1.624 04	5.050 34	455 11	4.29
22,455 04	6,364 80	8.391 16	865 93	3,927 23	15,372 25	536 65	4 36
7,046 68	1,006 09	1,772 49	637 30	1,137 33	4,636 89	.....	4 10
14,087 23	3,823 23	8,943 63	49 30	1,130 39	13,657 66	.....	5.40
14,434 00	3,072 95	7,412 33	454 63	2,064 23	8,925 22	134 65	5.02
16 591 04	1,745 12	9,579 72	117 48	1,416 00	2,276 00	67 00	4.49
4,736 70	753 49	1,841 89	.....	75 69	2,122 44	.....	4 15
20,449 94	4,395 75	9,831 41	1,465 03	1.769 80	14,163 00	.....	2 79
14.567 80	3,954 07	6.127 22	535 30	1,710 45	7,837 57	.....	6 51
53,992 47	4.193 44	26.648 94	2,351 06	6.333 44	24,749 48	1,849 46	7.00
7,317 90	1,033 80	2,650 63	113 60	1,071 06	3,087 61	85 05	3.15
53,069 38 †	.....	49,494 09	.....	3,575 29 †	.....	†	14.24
16,826 91	3,371 23	6,152 83	1,714 25	3,837 00	8.734 11	750 00	8.70
$ 1,011,700 62	$ 204,874 55	$ 504 196 35	$ 61,132 22	$ 111,323 49	$ 532,602 97	$23,149 34	5.17

* Includes exhonerations. †All expenditures charged to a common fund.

REPORTS

OF

COUNTY SUPERINTENDENTS,

FOR THE

SCHOOL YEAR ENDING AUGUST 31, 1879.

BARBOUR COUNTY—PERRY MARTENEY, *Supt.*

I have delayed my annual report until this time, on account of some of the secretaries failing to make their reports as required by law, and have not the data now from which to make a complete financial report; however, it is as correct as my best efforts can make it from the reports sent me.

There is a growing interest manifested in our public schools which I trust, will continue to increase as the scholarship of teachers improves.

There has been a decided *improvement* in the teachers of this county the past year. Many of them have been attending school.

There were two graded schools taught in this county the past summer: one at Shook's Run, by D. W. Shaw, and one at Meadowville, by myself. About seventy teachers were in attendance at these two

schools, and I am sure they are better prepared for efficient work than ever before.

The County Institute held in July, by D. W. Shaw, was a success, and will surely stimulate and energize the teachers who attended.

On my annual visits to the schools the past winter, I found the average attendance about the same as the previous year. Not what it should be, as my statistical report will show.

I noticed many deficiencies in some of the schools. Pupils are hurried on from one thing to another with such rapidity that they can only skim as they go. They drink surface water, and are never regaled with the cool, invigorating draught from the bottom of the well. Too much is required of them in too short a time.

This hurrying process is fatal to all solid education, and is often practiced at the behest of parents, in their foolish anxiety to make an exhibit of the precocity of their children. I discouraged this hurrying through books so far as I could, and tried to show the necessity of being thorough, and believe, to some extent, I succeeded.

Some of our teachers have no adaptation to teaching. They seem to have no bump of what the phrenologists call human nature. No power of concentrating, no faculty of understanding clearly themselves, and of course none of teaching others into such an understanding. Their place is not in the school room; no success attends them in their work there. In other fields they must find the work to which they are adapted.

The art of teaching is of itself a wonderful study and work. Every teacher should himself be first taught to teach, and inspire and govern well those to be taught by him in turn. Our "fossilized" teachers are gradually giving away, and among our young teachers we have *many* who give promise of much usefulness, if they do not become wearied and seek better pay in some other profession. One of the greatest difficulties that we have to encounter is to ascertain of the applicant his ability for imparting knowledge and governing a school. Our observation has been, a person may have scholastic attainments, and be a failure as a teacher. How to reach this deficiency in our examinations has long been a query in our mind; but, we think, the long sought for object has been attained, and we may expect better teachers and better schools, if our present progress is in no way retarded.

This county is divided into seven districts and one independent district, all of which made the levy required by law.

Average age of pupils attending school, 11 years.

The new school law has not met the anticipations of the people and school officers, but I shall make no suggestions at this time, only I trust the next session of the Legislature will make appropriation for two Normal schools at least in the State, and I need only refer to Switzerland to prove the value and necessity of such schools.

I will now close my report by asking the patrons, teachers and district officers, to give to my successor, Mr. A. B. Moore, your hearty co-operation, and with him as your leader, may you ever be worthy to be entrusted with the formation of the manners and molding the character of the immortal souls of the youth of our country.

TEACHERS AND GRADES OF THEIR CERTIFICATES.

J. W. Shank	1	F. A. Poling	3
D W. Shaw	1	R. F. Harris	3
W. D. Zinn	1	A, C. McDaniel	2
S. S. Zinn	2	Wm K. Bowers	2
J. A. Zinn	2	C M. Cornwell	1
J. W. Gawthorpe	1	Miss Simmie L. Corder	3
A. J. Hartman	1	Miss Hannah O'Brien	3
L. H. Talbott	3	J M. Compton	2
J. H. Jenkins	2	Ed. H. Compton	2
J. S. Rogers	2	B. Baker	2
J. J. Madden	1	Wm. R Bennet	3
C. W. Reger	3	J. R. Phillips	1
S. S. Talbott	2	Stewart Wilmouth	2
F. M Talbott	2	C W. Cox	1
Miss Dora B Sturm	2	E. C. Moore	3
Miss Ida Hoffman	2	Geo. W Baughman	2
Miss Sallie Phillips	2	Granville L. Hudkins	3
Miss Mattie V Teter	1	M. D. Nutter	3
Miss Mattie Teter	3	R. W. Tapp	2
Miss Alice Wilmoth	3	Jesse W. Robinson, (col'd)	3
Mrs. M. E Harris	2	Miss Bertie Cole, "	2
W. B. Benson	2	J. M Male, "	4
T. P. Douglass	2	Salathiel L Poling	3
J. M. Curkendoll	2	Garretson Stalnaker	2
R. L. Tallman	1	C. M. Street	3
Jno. Hathaway	2	F. M. Smith	3
J B. Godwin	3	J. D. Didisman	3
I. F. Right	3	Lewis W. Robinson	3
W. S. Shurtleff	1	O S. Osburne	4
R. J. Dunham	1	J. A Thrash	3
J. W. Hilliard	3	J. O. Chenoweth	3
L. C. Fennett	3	J. B High	4
R. E. Kerr	3	H. A. Strader	3
D. B Durrett	2	Jas. S. Rogers	2
Lewis Kittsmiller	4	Miss Mattie S. Bell	2
C. E. Batson	3	J. L. Malcom	1
Thos. L. Daniels	4	Miss Celia Doglass	2
Isaac Thomas, Jr	4	O. L. Phillips	4
Geo. W Cunningham	1	H. W Robinson	2
Floyd W. Harris	1	Miss Ida Hoffman	2
C. M. Moore	2		

BERKELEY COUNTY—E. S. TABLER, *Supt.*

(No Written Report.)

TEACHERS AND GRADES OF THEIR CERTIFICATES.

C. H. Wayble	1	E. C. Leigh	2
C. A. Weirick	3	J. P. K. Miller	2
W. A. Pitzer	1	Mrs. Dr. Johnson	1
James Vanmeter	3	Laura Tabler	1
M. C. Albright	1	S. C. Rhodes	1
Wm. C. Clark	1	Alice Robinson	1
J. P. Davis	2	Lizzie Gordon	2
Annie E. Griffith	1	John Carrier	4
Joshua Skeggs	2	J B. Evans	1
Geo. W. Foltz	2	I. E. Houser	2
C. U Thornburg	1	I. N. Hall	1
Jennie Shaffer	1	Mary V Harrison	2
Hannah Roger	1	D. P. Griffiith	2
Laura Harley	1	A. P. Loid	1
John McAlister	2	Jennie McCune	1
G. W. Vanmeter	2	Wm. S. Eversole	2
James Myers	3	Lizzie McMurran	2
D. H. Tood	1	Sallie Newkirk	1
Ida V. Miller	1	Mrs. M B Timberlake	2
J. H. Triplett	2	A. B. Zimmerman	1
Wm. Hesse	3	Susie Williamson	2
C. H. Miller	1	M. K. Butts	2
J. A. Downs	2	Isaac Hockman	2

Ruby S. Moehler	2	J. W. Kettering	2
J. F. B. Gregory	2	J. H. Triplett	1
W. M Swartz, (col'd)	2	F. M. Fravel	1
Nicholas Mosby, "	3	Maggie Beard	1
J. H. Edwards "	4	H. S Butts	1
G. W. Green "	3	Katie Taylor, (col'd)	2
Nathaniel Wood "	4	C. H. Randal	4
David Lee "	3	S. L. Dodd	1
Sarah C. Johnson "	3	A. M, Graham	1
Lucy E. Butler "	3	Helen Hancock	3
Virginia Clark "	4	I. A. Chapman	2
J. H. Fisinger	1	M. F. Bowen	1
George Robinson, (col'd)	4		

BOONE COUNTY—JOHN MORRIS, *Sup't.*

To-day, the earliest I could, I mail you my annual report. In all probability it is the last of the kind I shall ever make. For the two school years past I have devoted nearly all my time to the duties of county superintendent. The salary allowed county superintendents under the new school law, was two small for me to try for the position again. The changes made in the law by the last Legislature, as I can gather the views of our people, are unpopular.

The working of the schools for the year covered by this report, I so far consider rather an improvement on last.

For your kindness to me during our official connection, I tender you my thanks, and bid you good-bye, wishing you success and long life.

TEACHERS AND GRADES OF THEIR CERTIFICATES.

John W. Hopkins	2	William Thomas	1
Miss Henrietta Hopkins	2	Miss A. V. Pixley	1
H. A. Williams	3	Isaac P. Williams	2
Miss Ada Harless	2	John T Barker	3
J. B. Hager	3	G. M. Ball	1
W. E. Echols	2	W. H. Ball	1
L. F. Vickers	1	C H. Lake	1
J. F D. Bowman	1	Wm. H McGinnis	1
M. F. Adkins	1	H F. Bailey	1
J. T. Griffith	2	Miss J. C. Elkins	3
H. V. Dunn	1	H. W. Miller	2
Mc. Tudor	1	B S. Hager	3
W. L Tudor	2	Miss Ada A. Croft	1
Miss Lulu M. Samuels	1	Miss E. J. Easter	1
R. M. Campbell	2	J. B Sayre	1
Miss Sarah R. Keffer	1	John J. Maroney	2
Miss Mary J. Gardner	2	W. T. Little	1
Miss R D Keffer	2	S H. Campbell	1
Miss Kate Dean Neuman	2	W. E. Echols	1
Isaac L. Eustace	1	H A. Williams	2

BRAXTON COUNTY—W. E. HAYMOND, *Sup't.*

I have used every available effort to make this report correct, and think it is substantially so. I shall offer, however, as an apology for all deficiencies, the fact that I was appointed on the 1st of April last to fill the vacancy occasioned by Z. G. Cutlip's resignation, and have nothing to report from but secretaries' reports, and some of them are very imperfect.

TEACHERS AND GRADES OF THEIR CERTIFICATES.

A. S. Salisbury	2	A. M. Berry	1
S. G. Perrine	2	J. B Rollyson	2
S. A. Pierson	2	M. B. Rollyson	3
S. M Pierson	2	Jas. W. Friend	3
J. S Garee	2	T. E. Friend	3
G. C. Squires	2	R. H. Birely	3
Luther L. Berry	2	W. H. Green	1
M. F. Gibson	2	M. V. Carney	3
A. Hamric	3	J. N. Ruswisel	1
R. I. Gibson	3	J. W. Hannah	1
E. W. Cutlip	1	S. M. Stewart	3
E. C. Garre	2	S. W. Rollyson	2
S. S. Stonestreet	2	C. W Tayler	5
P. C. Roberts	2	Joseph Bradfield	1
Dr. A. Pierson	2	T. I. Berry	1
P. L. Curry	2	C, L. Engle	1
C. W. Ware	2	W. E. Haymond	2
M. F. Duffield	3	S. Motingham	1
R. A. Henderson	1	Jas A. Johnson	2
J. W. Humphreys	1	H H. Holms	5
A. M, Frame	3	Miss O. S. Hall	1
John Bender	4	Miss M. D. Hall	1
T. E. Friend	4	Miss M. A. Daily	1
J. L. Loyd	3	Miss M. E. Berry	1
D. E. Stutler	2	Miss M. R Day	1
W. K. Bender	1	Miss J A. Willoughby	3
W. H Lack	1	Miss L. J. James	2
J. G. Frame	3	Miss L. J. Berry	3
J. C. Sallisbury	3	Miss M. S. Hammer	2
J W. Friend	4	Miss R. J. Huffman	2
M. L. Smith	3	Miss E. M. McCoy	1
J. M. Hannah	2	Miss H. M. Hickman	3
L. S. Dillen	2	Miss A. J. Haymond	3
J. H. Morrison	3	Miss Ella Armstrong	4
R. H. Bosely	4	Miss Carrie Bartlett	2
S. B. Bowyer,	2	Miss M. A. Willoughby	4
T. L. Hosey	3	Miss A. J. Jennings	2
W. L. Kelly	2	Miss Kate Jennings	2
G. R. Gibson	2	Miss Moore	3
D. S. Morton	2	Miss Mary N. Bland	1
J. P. Berry	1	Miss M. Singleton	1
A. J. Sallisbury	1		

BROOKE COUNTY—Geo. A. Baxter, *Sup't.*

(*No Written Report.*)

TEACHERS AND GRADES OF THEIR CERTIFICATES.

Joseph Rodgers	1	Samuel Amspoker	1
W. H. Mooney	1	J. A. McFadden	2
W. A. Strain	1	Miss F. J. Strain	1
W. B. Orr	1	James Hindman	1
J. L. Lezear	1	O. E. McCarty	2
Chas. Kyle	1	Miss R. C. Hawkins	1
Miss Annie Lezear	1	E. S. McWreath	2
Mis C. E. Burt	1	J. G. Sharp	2
D. E. Biggs	1	J. S. Campbell	2
Miss Irene Amspoker	1	J. M. Aguew	2
A. E. Snediker	1	Miss F. E McCoy	3
G, W. Russell	1	J. W. McCann	1
George Hudson	2	C. E. Gullet	2
J. S. Cree	2	Miss J. A. Scott	2
Mrs. A. Councilman	1	T. E. Orr	1
Miss L. C. Hunter	1	J. W. Cooper	1
H. A. Hervey	1	Miss Annie Beare	1
Miss M H. Wright	1	J. T. Hembill	3
W. R, Miller	1	J. S. Briggs	1
Peter Perrine	1	M. B. Whitaker	2
Miss C. B. Weaver	2	Miss Lizzie Hough	1
A. J. Porter	2	Miss Maggie Campbell	1
J. A. Cree	1	Mrs. C. Sharp	
Miss Tracia Hamlin	1	J. M. Reynolds	
Robert McPheeters	1		

CABELL COUNTY—D. L. DUNCAN, *Sup't.*

In reviewing the four years of my official connection with the schools of Cabell county, I find many occasions for congratulation, and some for discouragement.

The general operation of the system has been healthful, and the progress of the schools has been fair. Our school officers have usually been faithful in the discharge of their duties, and our noble minded citizens have cheerfully borne the expense. Many of our teachers have improved their qualifications, and nearly all of them have been faithful and efficient workers. Our people generally have become more and more alive to the importance of educating the rising generation, and our admirable system of free schools has rapidly grown in popular favor, until it is now cherished as one of the most valuable institutions of the land. Notwithstanding these healthful indications, we yet labor under many disadvantages. In pursuance of my duty, I will mention a few of these, endeavoring to suggest remedies.

I. The greatest hindrance to the progress of education in our county, and I presume, in all the counties of the State, is the failure on the part of parents and guardians, to send their children and wards to school. Two general remedies suggest themselves—compulsion and persuasion. The idea of compulsion is so repugnant to our people, and so contrary to the genius and character of all our institutions, that I do not now think it would be wise. The only other alternative is persuasion—missionary work on the part of the teacher. Much of this might be induced by making it to the pecuniary interest of the teachers to get the children into the schools. This might be done by making the salary of the teacher depend, in some way, upon the average daily attendance in his school.

II. The next great difficulty is want of proper qualification on the part of teachers. We do not need a greater number of teachers, but better qualifications on the part of those we already have. To this end I would recommend a Normal Institute, or Normal School, in each county of the State every year. The term should begin about the first of June, and continue two or three months. It should be taught by the members of the Board of Examiners of the county, and these should be chosen with special reference to their qualifications as teachers. The teachers of the county should have the privilege of attending this school free of charge for tuition. The examinations required by law should be held at the close of the term, and there should be no exemptions, except it might be as to the matter of fees. This would virtually compel the teachers to attend these schools, and to improve their qualifications. The expenditure would not be greater than the amount heretofore appropriated annually for educational purposes; and the beneficial results would accrue directly to the teachers—all the teachers—and through them almost directly to all the pupil children of the State.

The normal institutes provided by the last Legislature, were a move in the right direction, and much good resulted from them; but the term was too short, and the incentives to attendance on the part of teachers, were insufficient. Let it be understood that the teachers of these schools are to conduct the examinations required by law, and

award the *certificates*, and the applicants will be very apt to attend them regularly.

III. The employing of the teachers by the Board of Education does not work well. Better have three trustees for each school, and let them employ the teacher, at a meeting held for that purpose. It should also be unlawful for the teacher to board with any one of the trustees.

IV. I must renew a former suggestion that, instead of several district boards of education in a county, there should be one county board of education, composed of one or more members from each district, and the county superintendent of schools as president. This would involve equalization of taxation, uniformity in the salaries of teachers, and equality of school privileges throughout the county. Besides these, it is the only way in which the financial accounts can ever be kept straight.

This board should hold stated meetings—say one each month—and the members should receive a moderate per diem for each day of actual service in the meetings.

The pay of the members of this board of education, and that of the secretary, need not amount to more than is now required to pay the salaries of the several district secretaries.

V. The expenses of the schools should be borne, in greater part, by general instead of local taxation.

VI. The trustees should be required to employ some one to sweep and make fires, at an expense of not more than twenty-five cents per week.

VII. The abolishing of county school supervision is a very serious evil, and should be corrected at the earliest possible day. So far from being relieved of the important duty of visiting the schools, the County Superintendent should be required, not only to *visit* the schools of his county once, but to spend the whole of certain months of the year in the schools of his county.

TEACHERS AND GRADES OF THEIR CERTIFICATES.

H. J. Baumgardner	2	J. W. Liggins, (col'd)	3
M. A. Bias	1	Rev. L. B. Madison	1
M. S. Bias	1	S. F. Morris	3
Geo. R. Blum	2	A. A. McCorkle	2
L. A. Braley	1	Geo. W. McKendree	2
W. A. Burdett	1	Chas. H. Neal	2
Rev. Jno. D. Carter	2	W. S. Peters, (col'd)	3
Colonel Childers	3	G. W. Priddy	2
P. H Childers	2	J H. Rodgers	2
A. H. Cox	2	Robert Smith	2
C. V. Clark	3	E L. Summers	2
Jacob Davis	2	P. H. Swann	2
Stephen Davis	2	E. C. Switzer	2
E. S. Doolittle	1	R B. Switzer	1
Henry Gotherd	2	J. L. Thornburg	1
L. E. Harrison	3	John Turley	2
J. G. Hatfield	2	Dr. J. T. Unseld	2
J M. Hatfield	2	Ike F. Weed	1
Geo. A. Hawkins	2	John H. White	3
J. F. Herndon	2	J. L. Whitten	3
M. F. Jordan	2	A. L. Wigal	3
W. M. King	2	Hugh Willis	3
J. F. Lambert	2	J W. Williams	2
J. H. Lamering	3	Theodore Wilson, (col'd)	2
D F. Lemarr	2	Miss Hattie E. Abbott	1
R. W. Lewis	2	Laura Barker	3

Miss F. E. Beuhring	1	Miss Fannie R. Morris	1
Miss Emma Blake	2	Miss Sallie E. Morris	1
Miss Gracie M. Clark	2	Miss Emma McComas	2
Miss Kate L. Crooks	2	Miss Alice E. Neal	2
Miss M. C. [illegible] Erwin	1	Miss Lizzie Stone	1
Miss Ida J. Jones	1	Miss A. M. Tiernan	1
Miss Ellen J. Mechesney	1	Miss V. A Wingus	3
Miss Rosa A. Miller	2		

CALHOUN COUNTY—F. M. FERRELL, *Supt.*

I hereby submit the third annual report of the free schools of Calhoun made by me. The districts are all in a very prosperous condition now, as far as the Teachers' Fund is concerned, and the Building Fund meets all requirements except in Sheridan, and it has the hope of getting clear of debt in two years. The law needs some change in regard to the creation of school districts. Each district in my county has a greater number of school districts than it should have, but Lee and Sheridan now have so many that it is hard for them to be able to certify that they have levied a sufficient fund to run the schools four months, aided by the State Fund, because of the limit of the taxable property. I hope you will recommend some legislation upon this part of the law. I think, judging from my knowledge obtained by actual experience as County Superintendent of Calhoun, that the thirty-five per cent. "works naught but evil." The Boards of Education in Calhoun generally fail to set apart the apportionment due the colored youth in their districts. I think it ought to be done for their good and that of the State.

In some of the districts there were so many teachers dismissed and others employed in their stead at different wages that it is difficult to get all things correct from the secretary's report.

TEACHERS AND GRADES OF THEIR CERTIFICATES.

L. H. Frippet	1	William Bennett	2
B. L Ferrell	2	James Kenner	3
T. K. Ferrell	1	R. W. Hall	1
J. C. Goodknight	2	Alice Ferrell	3
H. C. Goodknight	2	Robert Chenowith	1
Tillie Knight	2	D C. Stemn	1
Huldah Petit	2	Columbia Ferrell	3
H. R Pell	2	W. S Ferrell	2
E. Bee	1	C. A. Walker	1
James Luskey	2	John Robinson	2
Ella Means	3	Austin Stump	3
Ella Marshal	2	A. E. Keller	2
Warren Johnson	2	S. K. Cain	1
Granville Johnson	1	Josie Murstead	2
Samuel Ayers	1	E Robinson	2
J. M. Feten	3	James Robinson	3
Elias Stump	2		

CLAY COUNTY—JOHN SANDS, *Supt.*

I regret most of the changes made in the School Law at the last session of the Legislature. The law regulating the sale of school books is a good law. The law governing Teachers Institutes at present, will

not in my opinion work well. It may be well enough under a proper law to compel parents and guardians to send all children to school who are of proper school age, or pay their school money back into the school treasury from which it was drawn, so that the money may serve the purpose for which it was intended.

TEACHERS AND GRADES OF THEIR CERTIFICATES.

J. B Morris	1	Noah Cook	2
W. M. Ellison	1	G. W. Morton	1
J. R. Davis	2	Forsyth Stephenson	1
R. E. Lesueur	2	Patrick Reed	1
Benjamin Young	2	James N. Hamric	5
Daniel Wilson	4	James N. Hamric	4
J. T. More	2	W. T. Hamric	3
Josephus More	5	S. N. Rolleyson	1
Samuel Stephenson	1	Noah Cook	1
C. P. Wilson	1	E. W. Hamric	1
Sherman Stephenson	1	M. W. Hamric	1
Mary J. Weeks	1	M. E. Weeks	1
H. C. Hill	1	Aristotle Smith	1
J. R. Chapman	1	John R. Davis	1
H. L. Morris	1	H. W. Ashley	1
A. Summers	1	C. A. S. Sydenstricker	1
Jacob Keith	3		

DODDRIDGE COUNTY—J. V. Blair, *Sup't.*

I herewith transmit my annual report for the scholastic year ending August 31st, 1879. I have delayed it till this late hour, hoping to give a full and correct report, but the delay, together with my efforts in the mean time, has been ineffectual to a considerable degree. In fact, even after this long and *urgent* waiting, I have failed entirely to procure a report from the secretary of the Board of Education of Grant District, as will be seen from the within report.

Our schools are not making that rapid progress I should love to see, yet they have done reasonably well, considering the financial atrophy under which everything has been suffering.

The institute for this county, conducted by the worthy young gentleman, Prof. J. F. Wayman, under the new *regime* laid down by the "wiseacres" of last winter, was quite a success. The only hindrance to the cause, was lack of attendance on behalf of the teachers, not more than one-half the number being in regular attendance.

With a *coup d'œil* at my labors in this service for the past five years, I see where there might have been, in a few instances, better supervision, but hoping that all errors will be dealt with kindly, I now, with a heart radiant with love for free instruction, and with a wish devoted and a prayer consecrated to the future success of our schools, most respectfully submit this my last annual report.

TEACHERS AND GRADES OF THEIR CERTIFICATES.

S. F. Lowther	1	David Rose	2
Jas. B. Breman	1	Hetty Jeffrey	2
George S. Smith	1	Fannie McGill	2
Henry Ash	1	Mattie C. Ehret	2
W. H. Martin	1	Ella Charter	2
*Thos. Shaw	1	Lizzie Langfitt	2
Minnie E. Martin	1	May S. Jeffrey	2

Lizzie Hickman	2	D. S. Snodgrass	3
M. E. McClain	2	A. J. Gaskin	3
R. L. McClain	2	Jas. E. Strother	3
Lewis F. Randolph	2	John A Davis	3
J. S. Archbold	2	Wm. J. Horton	3
M. L. Chidester	2	A. E. Strickling	3
Julia E. Offutte	2	Frank Benninger	3
Annie V. Weekly	2	Thos. J. Brennan	3
Mary A. Strickling	2	*Flora Shepard	3
Claude Shannon	2	Josie R. Scott	3
Dixon Ash	2	Jennie Junkins	3
J. C. Reed	2	Genevra Bee	3
J. H. Gain	2	John J. Taylor	3
Florence O. Allen	2	V. L. Davis	3
Anna Neely	2	Jos. E McConnell	3
R. B. Phillips	2	Boyd Stout	3
J. M. Davidson	2	D. P. Strother	3
Samuel Lorentz	2	Chas. F. West	3
Della Martin	2	A. W. Rector	3
Chas. L. Polan	2	Virgil Fitz Randolph	3
John S. Woofar	3	Hugh J. Scott	4
John R. Roberts	3	W. L. Cox	4
Silas P. Smith	3	Jas, Cox	4
Chas. A. Charter	3	Wm. J. Loveall	4
Viola C. Davis	3	Wm. A. McClain	4
Mollie Bennington	3	L. D. Frum	4
C. M. F. Randolph	3	L. E. Kite	4
J. D. Frum	3	Florida Bart'ett	4
M. D. Barnett	3	S. B. Allen	4
M. F. Hick	3		

*Teachers from another State.

FAYETTE COUNTY—D. B. EASLEY, *Supt.*

I hereby submit my annual report as County Superintendent of Free Schools of Fayette county. My experience as County Superintendent has only confirmed me in an opinion before formed, that unless there be some radical change in our Free School System, we cannot do more than educate the rising generation sufficiently to make them feel the necessity of doing better by their children than has been done by them in this respect.

A sufficient amount of money is levied and expended to give every child in West Virginia, between six and twenty-one, at least a good English education; but comparatively few, in this section at least, avail themselves of these facilities, although in the cases where they are most neglected, they are almost entirely gratuitous, as the parties who pay the least tax pay the least attention to educating their children.

In my visit to the schools of this county during last winter, I am satisfied that I visited twenty schools out of a total of twenty-seven at which there were not more than five pupils present, and in some instances only three, on the day of my visit; and though the exceptionally cold winter may, in some measure, account for this deficiency in attendance, yet it cannot wholly do so. I have little hope that our Legislature will take any steps to remedy this evil in any reasonable length of time, and therefore shall not attempt to offer any argument in favor of compulsory education further than the fact that, if it is lawful to compel one man to pay taxes to educate another man's children, it must certainly be lawful to compel the party who is intended to be benefitted to send his children to school; and also, that if the law is intended to protect the weak, its protection should certainly be extended to those children whose parents are so neglect-

ful of their interests as to fail to allow them to attend school at a time when they are unable to comprehend that those who should naturally seek to further their interest are thus depriving them of their only chance to become intelligent and useful citizens.

There is one other matter against which I feel that I should enter my protest, and that is the action of our late Legislature in conferring upon the Boards of Education the power to employ teachers. I know not how it may be in other counties, but in ours the Boards of Education had already assumed absolute powers in all save matters of life and death; and from what I have seen of the performances of Boards of Education, it would not be a matter of surprise to me to see them revive the inquisition. They enact laws, repeal laws, violate laws, defy laws, appropriate the Teachers' Fund to pay the expenses of the Building Fund, and *vice versa*, appropriate the levy of one year to pay the expenses of another, issue drafts to indemnify the sheriff when he has overpaid the amount levied, refuse to lay the levy when a majority of the votes in the district has decided that they should, organise themselves into a court in which they are prosecuting witness, attorney for the State, judge and jury; decide that only one of a family shall teach school in the district and then go contrary to their decision if the applicant happens to belong to the family of one of the Board. All this, and more as bad, I have known to be done by Boards of Education during my short experience as County Superintendent of Free Schools, nor does the law provide any competent punishment for such violations of law. They may be fined or sued upon their official bond, but unfortunately they do not give any, and therefore I fear that this last Act of the Legislature extending their powers to the employment of teachers will prove the feather which will break the camel's back if they continue to exercise it as they have in some districts of this county.

In my last report I recommended the abolition of the office of County Superintendent and I was pleased to see that the Legislature acted upon my suggestion at least half way, that is, they abolished the duties of the office and retained almost half the pay. As I understand the matter now, the duties of County Superintendent consist almost wholly in distributing blanks and making his report. A competent man, with competent secretaries of the Boards of Education (which, by the way, is an impossibility), can make his report in two or three days, and, by watching his opportunity, can distribute the blanks without labor or expense, so that in our county when the levy is not voted down in any district the County Superintendent will get $125.00 for not more than five days' work, and this can be done at odd times so that it will not interfere with any other business, whereas before there was just work enough to keep a man from doing anything else and not pay enough to justify him in devoting his entire time to the duties of the office.

In conclusion I would again state, I am satisfied that if the office of County Superintendent was entirely abolished and the President of the Board of Examiners paid a stated sum for making the report that an amount could be saved sufficient to pay one competent Board of Examiners in each county, of whom the President of the Board of Education could be the secretary and receive reports from teach-

ers and issue drafts and thus be in a condition to make an intelligent and correct report, which is more than any County Superintendent is able to do under the present system.

TEACHERS AND GRADES OF THEIR CERTIFICATES.

Amick Wm	2	Askew J. W	3
Askew J. W	2	Bowers G. W	1
Bowers G. W	1	Boone W. F	1
Boone W. F	2	Boone J. A	2
Burdett J. H	2	Burdett J. H	2
Boone I. D	2	Boone J. D	2
Cavendish T. H	1	Boone R. A	1
Cavendish A. A	1	Cavenddish T. H	1
Campbell F. M	2	Cavendish A. A	1
Coleman J. S	2	Cavendish I. C	1
Dorsey B. H	2	Cempbell S. M.A	1
Davis Wm. M	3	Coleman W. W	1
Deitz W. E	3	Cooper Wm. H.	1
Deitz W. H	2	Dietz W. H	2
Deitz H. C	2	Dietz H. C	2
Dickerson A. R	1	Dickerson A. R	1
Darlington A. O	2	Dickey J. A	2
Eary J. A	2	Dean G. F	2
Ellis J. J	2	Dietz L. E	2
Farley T. W	1	Eary J. A	2
Ford J. R	1	Ellis J. I	1
Farr J. C	2	Farr G. W	1
Farr G. W	2	Farr J. C	2
Haynes Geo. D	1	Farley T. W	1
Honaker W. B	2	Hardy J. T	1
Hill H. C	1	Haynes G. D	1
Hawkins E. B	2	Hawkins E. B	1
Horan A. J	1	Isbell I. H	1
Kirk W. J	1	King W. W	1
Love S. H	1	Koontz J. M	2
McClung R. L	2	Koontz J. R	1
McClung H. A	3	Marrs S. M	1
Moseley J. R. F	2	Malcolm F. M	1
McNutt J. R	1	McClung R. L	2
McClung A. T	2	Minter W. F	2
Minter W. F	2	Moseley J. R. F	1
McKinney W. T	1	Miller W. M	2
Orvis N. F	1	McClung A. T	2
Richman W. L	2	Orvis N. F	1
Richards W. H	3	Robinson C. E	2
Rice H. B	2	Surgeon W. H	2
Settle R. W	2	Tyree J. W	2
Smith B. W	4	Vanpelt M	1
Surgeon W. H	2	Wills L P	2
Thurmond J. S	1	Woolwine L. M	3
Woods G. S	3	Walker M. D	1
Woolwine L. M	3	Walker F. E	3
Wills L P	2	Anderson S. F	1
Walker M. D	1	Bates Fannie	1
Young I. H	1	Bates Lizzie	1
Amick S. M	1	Boone E. J	1
Bates Fannie	1	Easley H. C	1
Bates Lizzie	1	Huddleston M. E	1
Boom E. J	2	Kesler Alta	1
Dews M. E	1	Kesler N. A	1
Dews N. J	1	Dews N. I	1
Gilbreath R. E	1	Nichols F. A	1
Roles S	2	Wristen M. A	2
Wristen M. A	2	Young Cecil	1
Young V	1		

GILMER COUNTY—JOHN S. WITHERS, *Sup't.*

I herewith submit to you my second annual report of the common schools of Gilmer county for the school year ending August 31, 1878.

The statistics and financial report herewith returned are as accurate and complete as it is possible for me to make them from the

material furnished me by the secretaries of the various boards of education

I have, as I did last year, delayed completing this report until a late hour because of the tardiness of secretaries in furnishing me their annual reports.

In some respects the free school of this county are making sure progress. By the aid of the branch normal school of Glenville, our teachers, as a class, are superior to those of any adjoining county; and, as a general thing, during the last year, have tried to do their duty. The most serious difficulty with which we have had to contend is the small number of scholars attending the schools compared with the enumeration. The territory of many of the sub-districts is large and sparsely settled, so that in winter quite a number of the smaller children are unable navigate the mud and the streams in order to attend school. At present I see no way by which this trouble may be obviated, and we can only patiently wait for an increase of population, when we will be more able to make our sub-districts smaller.

During the winter of 1878-9 I held a County Institute at Glenville which was well attended by the teachers, and by most of them a lively interest was manifested in the cause of education.

An Institute was also held in August of the present year by Prof. J. F. Wayman, under the provision of the amended school law. This Institute was ably conducted, and I am only sorry to add that there were but few teachers who availed themselves of its privileges and benefits.

The failure of the Legislature last winter to provide funds for the Normal Schools of the State, we fear will operate materially detrimental to the best cause of education with us, as most of our teachers are from the Normal Schools.

TEACHERS AND GRADES OF THEIR CERTIFICATES.

S. W. Baily	4	M. M. Luzadder	1
F. T. Bush	1	W. S. Luzadder	2
Asa B. Bush.	1	C. F. Law	2
C. B. Bush	2	Miss Mary B. Lorentz	2
A. O. Britton	5	R. M. Marshall	2
Fred. J. Burdett	2	Jacob Moore	2
E. R. Baccus	3	C. S. Moore	2
M. J. Boggs	3	O. C. McQuain	1
Paris Bent	2	J N. Nutter	3
J. H. Boilon	3	Henry Neff	1
Miss Ella F. Brannon	1	Miss Belle Parker	4
Miss Emma Brannon	3	A. J. Rymer	2
Mrs. R. E. Bush	3	S. F. Riddle	2
D. S. Coberly	3	Samuel Ruckman	2
Doliver Cain	3	Miss Emma Randolph	2
James Collins	3	Jay Stout	3
H. B. Davis	1	John R. Shock	2
J. C. Engle	4	S. D. Springston	4
A. D. Engle	4	James M. Stutler	2
M. W. Ewing	2	W. S. Stump	1
H. L. Ewing	2	Wise Stainaker	3
Miss Addie Ewing	1	John S. Stump	3
A. B. Harris	2	P. P. Springston	3
S. W. Hanson	1	Miss Lucy J. Stout	3
C. B. Holt	1	Jacob Weaver	4
J. P. Hopkins	5	Clark Woofter	2
Miss Bettie Haymond	2	Enoch S. Withers	1
Miss Ada L. Johnston	2	David E. Weaver	1
H. W. Lightburn	3	Miss Emma Withers	1

GRANT COUNTY—Edward F. Vossler, *Sup't.*

As usual, my annual report has been delayed by the tardiness and inefficiency of the Secretary of the Harman Independent School District. All the other Secretaries reported in good time, and completely, while the Harman report, though returned for correction, is still incomplete and not quite correct.

The past school year has been one of average prosperity. We have built two school houses in the Harman Independent and Milroy Districts, and expended for building purposes $1,560.46. Another school house has been building in the former district during the past summer. Both independent districts will soon have neat and improved houses, well furnished, while Milroy is taking steps to replace her log houses with better structures. I am sorry to report that in Union a very good and well furnished school house, nearly new, was burned by some miscreant or miscreants, during vacation, being the second house burned on the same spot.

The attendance averaged 66 per cent., same as last year, and the average attendance, 40 per cent.—a fraction less than the preceding year. Our school population has increased 4½ per cent.

We have employed or examined forty-six teachers, six of whom were female and three male colored, at an average salary of $31.67 for white males, $28.40 for white females, $19.33 for colored. Average salary for the county, $28.32. They taught in all 174 months, or 4.41 months per school, and of them twelve were awarded No. 1, twenty No. 2, twelve No. 3, one No. 4, one No. 5, and one ungraded (for colored) certificates.

Two Teachers Institutes were held, one from the 16th to the 24th of December, 1878, by the County Superintendent, assisted by the members of the Board of Examiners, and another from the 28th o July to the 2d of August last, by Prof. U. S. Fleming.

Attendance—The first under the late compulsory law showed 83 per cent, and the second under the optional system 61 per cent of the teachers present. The conductor expressed himself as well pleased with the attendance, proficiency and bearing of the teachers present. While the latter seemed much gratified and benefited by the course of instruction pursued.

It will be too early to express a decided opinon of the expediency of the latest *changes of the School Law.* My experience is that there has been to much changing of the law. The increase of the members constituting Boards of Education from three to five and the power of appointing teachers now vested in said boards instead of trustees, as heretofore, also the changes in the exoneration of teachers appear to me of unquestionable value. But the abolition of visits to schools by County Superintendents, I consider a decided injury to the school system. Schools ought to be looked after, they need the personal supervision of the County Superintendent, and if there has been so far, too little of it through the inefficiency of some Superintendents, it was a good reason for the removal of such remiss officers, but none for the abolition of the Supervisor himself. It seems strange logic to abolish visting schools altogether because so little has heretofore been done in that direction. I would add that my opinion on the

subject cannot possibly be influenced by reasons of a personal nature, this being my last term of office.

TEACHERS AND GRADES OF THEIR CERTIFICATES.

Allen, Miss Jane	2	McMuller, J. N	1
Bond, John S	3	Michael, A. S	2
Clifford, L. D., (col'd)	3	Miles, Miss Jennie	2
Clifford, Theed. K., (col'd), ungraded; under new law.		Neumann, A	3
		Nine, W. F	2
Cober, Alexander	2	Nydegger, W, D	2
Davis, Jesse P	3	Parsons, Cornelius	1
Dyer, John A. W	2	Roadebush, John	2
Feaster, S. S	1	Siever, Jacob M	3
Frederick, Miss Jennie	2	Sherrard, David H	3
Gray, Simon, (col'd)	5	Shobe, Jacob P	3
Harman, Miss M. R	3	Shobe, Joseph	2
Hendrikson, D. P	1	Sites, Clinton Scott	4
Hilleary, Wm	2	Sites, Chas. W	2
Hiser, Jonathan	3	Snodgrass, Jas. S	3
Holler, W. P	2	Thalaker, J. G	3
Hott, Jas. L	1	Tucker, W. F	2
Howe, Miss A. Belle	2	Weese, James M	2
Johnston, Rev. John	1	Weimer, Dennis	2
Judy, Jacob C	1	Weimer, Franklin N	3
Kuhn, Henry W	2	Lakin, Miss Marion, graduate Shepherdstown Normal School (College)	1
Lemon, Thos. J	1	Normal Certificate	1
Lyon, W. M	2	Carnaday, B. F., graded as	1
McNemar, Samuel B	2	Davis, Rev. W. M., graded as	1
McNemar, Mrs. Lizzie,	1	Vossler, Ed. F., Co. Supt.	Did not teach.

GREENBRIER COUNTY—THOS. H. DENNIS, *Sup't.*

I submit herewith my annual report of the workings of the free schools of Greenbrier county for the year ending August 31, 1879. I cannot claim that the report is entirely correct, though I think it is approximately so. I think that much of the difficulty, in getting correct reports from the district secretaries, results from the fact that they do not understand exactly what is called for by some of the headings in their reports. I think therefore that a few additional rules and explanations from the State Superintendent would be of much service to them.

I doubt very much the wisdom of the institute law enacted by the last Legislature. The compulsory feature having been removed the attendance will generally be small, and the usefulness of the institute will thus be greatly impaired. Under the old law nearly every teacher in this county attended the institute, a large majority of them from five to eight days. Under the present law the institute held in this county in August last (1879), was very poorly attended, only twenty-eight out of one hundred and ten teachers in the county having been enrolled. I am informed that the attendance was no better in a great majority of the counties in this end of the State. I consider that provision of the new law which allows the State Superintendent to appoint the institute conductors, a wise provision, but I do not think that the so-called compulsory feature of the old law should have been removed.

TEACHERS AND GRADES OF THEIR CERTIFICATES.

Owin Morton	1	J. C. McClure	1
L. W. Bowers	1	Miss Fannie R. Hannah	1
P. B. Harrah	1	E. S. McClung	1
L. J. Williams	1	O. H. Perry	1
J. W. McDowell	1	S. S. Snyder	1

A. J. Livesay	1	Annie E. Herron, (col'd)	2
Geo. J. Thompson	1	G. W. Taylor, (col'd)	2
C. E. Ellis	1	M. L. Robinson, (col'd)	2
W. A. Frantz	1	M. S. Abbott	2
J. M. Correll	1	George J. Bennett	3
J. W. Claypool	1	D. W. Ayers	3
M. W. Walton	1	L. T. Stalnaker	3
W. C. Walton	1	Miss Sallie W. Bright	3
E. G. Brownlee	1	Miss Mary E. Butcher	3
Lich Lynn Davis	1	G. B. McKennie	3
Virgil Bishop	1	A. K. Dysaw	3
J. L. Miller	1	Miss Laura S. Ramburger	3
Jas. H. Dearing	1	Thomas H. Brunsford	3
Geo. F. Henry	1	C. L. Davis	3
R. H. Boone	1	J.H. Walton	3
G. W. McClung	1	C. K. Thompson	3
B. T. Hodge	1	Wm. Dute	3
R. W. Hanna	2	C. H. Burns	3
C. N. Coffman	2	J. N. Hefner	3
D. M. Flesman	2	J. O. A. Dute	3
W. B. McWhorter	2	Clifton Hill	3
R. D. Alderson	2	Miss Fannie Surbaugh	3
J. L. Loudermilk	2	A. B. Burns.	3
Annie E. Baker	2	W. G. Black	3
S. B. Miller	2	G. W. Deskins, (col'd)	3
C. L. Austin	2	B. T. Perkins, (col'd)	3
Henry Gilmer	2	D. A. Robinson, (col'd)	3
W. P. Ott	2	A. J. H. Crawford, (col'd)	3
C. H. Hanna	2	Miss Josephine Carr, (col'd)	3
S. I. Alderson	2	Miss Kate S. Jackson, (col'd)	3
Miss Nannie V. Ramburger	2	Miss Clara A. Chandler, (col'd)	3
J. S. Walker	2	D. L. Reid	4
Miss Sallie E. Harford	2	A. L. Mills	4
Miss Lucy Walkup	2	B. C. Zopp	4
Miss Ida V. Walkup	2	W. S. Crane	4
A. C. McMillin	2	Miss Martha A. Derkins, (col'd)	4
Samuel Hanna	2	Miss Lizzie J. Lewis (col'd)	4
M. F. Henry	2	Miss Louisa Lewis, (col'd)	4
Thomas G. Mann	2	A. S. Lewis, (col'd)	4
Miss Bettie Leps	2	Charles A. Watts	State certificate
W. J. Clay	2	George W. Knopp	" "
John J. Wright	2	A. C. Harford	" "
Jas. T. Rucker	2	J. P. Thomasson	" "
J. L. Argobrite	2	James F. Clark	" "
Miss Mattie W. Cooper	2	Miss Fannie McGlanney	" "
W. H. Burns	2	Wm. D. Ayres	" "
Isaac D. Mutter	2	B. F. Humphreys	" "
A. F. Crookshanks	2	Miss Lizzie Arbuckle	Normal diploma
M. J. Alderson	2	J. M. Marshall	" "
C. O. Huff	2		

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY—H. B. GILKESON, *Sup't.*

You will observe that the reports for the respective districts do not begin with the same balances that the last reports showed on the 31st August, 1878, as they should do. The reason of that is this: For some years the settlements made by the sheriff with the commissioner of the court, as required by law, and those made with the Boards of Education have not agreed. It is proper that they should agree, and the commissioner and myself went into an examination of the settlements for several years past, and whenever we found an error we corrected it. We ascertained that the correct balances on the 31st day of August, 1878, were those which you will find reported, both the county court and the respective Boards of Education having adopted our report and the said balances, so that both settlements agree as of that date, and I hope they will continue to do so.

I have not reported a list of teachers examined at the August examination. As they are teachers for session of 1879-80, I suppose they will properly come in the next report.

We have nothing of special interest to report. Our schools, as a rule, have run smoothly and satisfactorily. I think the disposition on the part of our teachers to improve themselves continues so far as the text books and subjects actually taught by them are concerned. I fear too little attention is paid to general improvement by a good many of them. Some take educational journals and other papers which are, of course, of great advantage to them, and makes them more successful as teachers than those who fail to avail themselves of these aids.

We hope our schools have improved and will continue to do so.

The institutes have been well attended, and I have no doubt have been a benefit to that class of teachers who desire to be benefited, and who have the success of their profession at heart.

The institute conducted by Prof. McMurran in August, was I think of decided advantage to those who had the good fortune to attend. His lectures were clear and very instructive. The attendance was not so good as desired, but better than we expected. The attention was good, and I think all were better for having been present.

These institutes are valuable, not so much for the information imparted, as that they stimulate teachers to study more fully the subjects that are brought to their attention, and show them how to teach those subjects. I think they should be continued.

The change in the law by which county superintendents are not required to visit the schools is, in my judgment, an important one. I think that one of the most important duties that the superintendent had to perform. It is highly proper that there should be some one whose special duty it is to look after the schools and see that the people are getting value received for the money expended. I think the efficiency of the schools will be crippled by the change.

TEACHERS AND GRADES OF THEIR CERTIFICATES.

Jas. H. Elrick	3	George Hall	3
Charles E. Thompson	2	Wm. O. McIntyre	1
G. W. Shockey	3	E. S. Arnold	5
W. J. Dowan	3	S. I. Kreemer	2
Miss E. Keekley	2	Chas. Dickens	4
Miss Bertie Kelsoe	2	J. W. Shull	2
L. C. Carter	3	A. C. Kreemer	4
Miss Maggie Pugh	3	Thos. Dailey	2
John McIntyre	3	I. W. McDowell	3
J. H. Easter	2	John Ridenour	4
A. T. Jarrett	3	Henry Rolls, (col'd)	4
A. C. Cowgill,	2	Miss Laura Clayton	1
B. W. Shanholtzer	2	Miss Annie Kuykendall	2
C. N. Hiett	1	J. P. Nealis	4
Geo. A. Hott	2	H. A. Meyer	2
Miss Mary Grace	3	T. G. Pownall	4
R. S. Pettit	3	Wm. C. Parsons	4
J. Tutwiler	2	Miss W. Dodson	1
J. Walker Pultz	2	Miss Sue T. Goings	3
Chas. M. Pultz	3	Miss L. Henderson	4
Thos. L. Dicken	3	L. N. L. Henderson	3
Benj. J. Powell	3	E. A. McIntyre	2
John Hockman	2	Jas. T. Doyle	3
John Lampkins	1	Lucy Fowler, (col'd)	5
D. W. Pugh	3	Miss M. E. Grace	3
J. L. Housholder	2	Thos. D. Pugh	3
Miss M. E. McIntyre	3	L. O. Freeze	2
Miss E. V. Easter	5	M. N. Albin	2
J. C. Shanholtzer	3	J. M. Chestnut	4
W. J. Sibert	2	I. M. Hockman	3
James R. Riley	3	B. F. Carder	4

W. O. R. Spaid	3	James Kelley	3
F. M. Fravel	2	B. F. White	5
D. M. Shawen	2	Edmund Bonney	3
Col. S. Cooper	2	W. T. High	3
C. J. Reid	2	Miss L. Anderson	2
W. J. Alderton	1	I. F. Powelson	3
J. W. Alderton	3	Miss E. Todd	3
C. N. Cookers	4	Jas. W. Poland	4

HANCOCK COUNTY—V. B. Bernard, *Sup't.*

I here transmit my annual report of the free schools of Hancock county for the year ending August 31st., 1879. I visited all the schools and as far as I have been able to ascertain—think they have been taught very successfully. There has been a marked improvement in our teachers, and consequently a general improvement in our schools. All our school houses are comfortable and commodious —the greatest deficiency being in apparatus.

They are nearly all deficient in this respect. The teachers institute has been well attended; and I think has been a source of improvement to our teachers.

TEACHERS AND GRADES OF THEIR CERTIFICATES.

S. D. Shipley	1	Sallie Cameron	2
Charles B. McCabe	1	John W. McDonald	2
R' H, Jackson	1	Jennie K. Kerr	2
E. D. Marshall	1	Emma McDonald	2
Maggie L McDonald	1	G. A. Snowden	2
Ella A. Criswell	1	Mariam Moore	2
O. G. Campbell	1	Julia Shauble	2
J P. Todd	1	Bella Morrow	2
Maggie C. Davis	1	Mamie L. Frank	2
Ella F. Burns	1	Emma Hobbs	2
Lizzie Edie	1	Somuel Hart	3
Lucy E. McConnell	1	J. C. Lindsay	3
M. [illegible]. McConnell	1	J. W. Cristler	3
Emma J. Miller	1	J. S. Gallaher	3
S. F. Marks	1	Mamie E. Snowden	3
J. W. McDonald	1	Lizzie E. Campbell	3
J. E. Wilkinson	1	Radie L. Beebout	3
J. C. Smith	2	Anna Powers	3
M. C. Billman	2	Jasper Whims	3
A. M. Jackson	2	S. J. Hindman	3
Ettie N. Batten	2		

HARDY COUNTY—L. T. Hoover, *Sup't.*

I have the pleasure of handing you my report for the year, which I think you will find correct except in a few minor points. I have no lengthy remarks to make. Our schools are making steady progress and we are encouraged to work quetly but diligently and let our work speak, in the results, in the years to come.

TEACHERS AND GRADES OF THEIR CERTIFICATES.

W. V. Eberly	3	J. R. Baker	4
I. V. Seymour	3	J. H. Orndorff	3
C. E. Kuhn	4	D. B. Haines	2
L. C. Everly	2	Hawkins Orndorff	3
Miss Kate P. Gamble	2	N. C. Heiskman	3
G. W. Strawder col'd	4	H. R. Orndorff	3
M. F. Allen "	4	Augustus Walker	2

John Lantz	2	A. B. Jedkins	3
Ephraim Shafer	2	C. D. Lobb	3
J. W. Coffman	3	J. W. Dasher	2
Fenton Miller	3	W. S. Marshall	2
John E. Wilson	2	J. W. Haines	2
Miss S. M. Claggett	3	T. O. Keister	2
J. R. Clem	3	W. H. Fields, (col'd)	4
J. W Eberly	1	A. F. Ludwig	3
A C. Gerhart	1	M. A. Richards	3
B. W. Chrisman	1	John Mayers	2
Miss M. E. Miller	3	W. V. P. May	3
Miss Laura Gamble	3	Miss L. T. Cunningham	3
Miss Bettie Gamble	2	Miss Alice S. Rinker	3
Miss Sallie Chambers	3	Miss M. A. Howard (col'd)	4
Mrs. Carrie Chambers	3	W. B. Strother	2
J. W. Pope	3	J. W. Kline	3
W. M. Nihiser	3	P. H. Snow	3
G. W. Cullen	3	F. G. Jacot——	3
John S. Gamble	3	Miss Annie Marshall	3
P. W. Souer	3		

HARRISON COUNTY—J. R. ADAMS, *Sup't.*

I herewith send you my annual report of the condition of free schools in Harrison county. You will find, as usual some discrepancies. It seems difficult to get secretaries to make a financial report just as it should be. We have a column, headed, "From other sources." I think we should have another headed *In other hands*; then we could give a satisfactory account of all funds. Secretaries are in the habit of reporting all the funds coming to the districts, *in the hands of the sheriff*. When funds so charged are coming from *other sources*, a settlement with the sheriff shows the report to be incorrect.

The Legislature did a good thing for the State in curtailing the price of school books; I hope other changes made may prove as beneficial to the public at large.

I have never been able to see the wisdom of the change made with regard to "Teachers' Institutes." But I hope time and experience will bring convincing proof of it.

The institute for this county, held in Shinnston last August, and conducted by Prof. Wade, of Morgantown, was a great success. Yet about one-half of our teachers were absent, and as a rule, those who stand in the greatest need of institute instruction. There should be some conditions provided to compel the teacher to do institute work.

It gives me pleasure to state that our schools, generally speaking, are in a prosperous condition. We hope the time not far distant when our citizens will call for more schools, and will not be satisfied with four months. One district had six months last year. The independent districts had from six to nine months. The school in Clarksburg, Prof. C. W. Lynch, Sup't, is continued about nine months each year, and is doing a good work.

TEACHERS AND GRADES OF THEIR CERTIFICATES.

Nellie B. Barnes	1	J. H. Benedum	2
Floyd Bailey	3	Bassil Boggess	3
Mattie Bassel	1	Mollie Bussey	2
Marcellus Blair	1	C. M. Boggess	1
J. H. Burns	1	Sarah Bowen	1
Ruhana Beil	3	V. E. Bailey	3
Lucitta Brake	2	Emma Bartlett	2
Sophronia Booth	1	M. S. Blair	2
W. C. Burnside	4	Elmore Bacchus	3
Amos Bright	1	Mildred Dunn	1

Columbia Denham	1	Theo. W. Martin	3
J. E. Curry	2	J. A. Mitchel	1
A. T. Corder	2	Ada Northcott	2
J. L. Craig	1	R. H. Northcott	2
L. B. Cross	3	F. G. Orr	2
S. A. Cavalier	2	R. M. Orr	1
Arthur H. Clark	1	B. B. Pew	2
F. M. Cunningham	3	Thomas Patton	1
Amelia M. Cray	1	J. S. Price	2
Olla Cost	3	R. B. Phillips	3
F. M. Davis	1	R. C. Pritchard	2
J. U. Dayton	2	Loretta Pepper	1
J. P. Davisson	2	T. B. Pepper	2
E. M. Davisson	1	J. L. Parish	1
E. S. Davisson	1	J. M. Philips	1
Z. F. Davis	1	W. C. Perine	2
Jesse David	1	J. S. Prgott	2
Jas. M. Davisson	3	Lavenia Pepper	3
John Duncan	2	Gertrude Rector	3
J. M. Davis	3	A. W. Rector	3
J. W. Flanigan	2	W. C. Rymer	1
Jacob Freeman	1	Hugh Romine	2
James P. Freeman	1	B. D. Rose	1
Rebecca J. Furner	2	V. A. Robinson	3
M. W. Grayson, col'd	2	Theodore Romine	1
Lee A. Garrett	1	J. E. Romine	2
J. H. Grimsley	1	John H. Rusk	3
T. S. Gerrard	1	C. M. F. Randolph	3
W. M. Gabbert	1	Miss C. F Randolph	3
Lydia Garrett	2	Dora Ridenour	2
L. W. Garrett	3	John S. Shore	2
Kate Gallagher	3	Julia A. Smith	2
Albert Haff	1	J. M. Stutler	2
Rufus Holden	2	Mollie Swisher	1
J. H. Holt	1	Lucy Smith	1
C. E. Hedges	2	G. W. Smith	2
Helen V. Holden	2	Boyd Stout	3
J. Q Harrison	1	S. J. Sturm	2
Thomas Hawker	1	L. E. Sturm	1
L. D. Hall	1	S. L. Sturm	2
A. J. Hammond	1	J. P. Straley	1
J. A. Hammond	2	H. A Swiger	2
J. S. Hustead	2	Ella Short	1
M. A. Holden	1	W. S. Smallwood	1
H. Hoff	2	E. J. Sturm	1
J. B. High	1	Miss Willie Short	2
C. H. Ice	3	Rosa L. Smith	3
John Johnston	1	N. M. Somerville	2
George N. Kile	1	Md. M. Thompson	1
Katy Kayser	1	E. C. Letrick	2
J. S. Kile	2	Geo. H. Throop	1
Alice Kelly	2	J. L. Vincent	1
Jas. M. Lee	1	Mattie Teter	2
S. Lorentz	2	M. T. Vincent	3
P. M. Long	1	T. L. Wright	1
J. C. Lawson	1	W. B. Wslliams	1
G. L. E. Lawson	1	Zella Williams	3
J. G. Lawson	1	C A. Williams	2
E. W. Lawson	1	W. E. Ward	2
J. A. Lange	3	J. N. Wilkinson	1
J, P. McCormack	1	W. B. Wilkinson	1
R. H. Mintier	3	E. J. Weekly	4
Della Martin	2	G. W. Williams	1
Dudley Moore	2	S. G. Wadsworth	1
E. E. Mercer	1	George Washington, col'd	3
G. W. Martin	2	Edward G. Yates	1
R. B. Martin	1	M. C. Young	3
T. B. Martin	2	Iden Bishop	1
S. R. Mercer	1	J. M. Davisson	2
R. A. McWhorter	1	M. L Patterson	1

JACKSON COUNTY.—R. H. HUGHES, *Supt.*

I have the honor herewith to present you the annual report of the schools of Jackson county for the school year ending August 31, 1879. And while this report is not as accurate in every paticular as it should be, yet it is as nearly correct as it could be made from the reports of

the secretaries. Some mistakes occurred in the district reports with reference to relcases and delinquencies, there is however a marked improvement in these reports over the past year.

As it regards the school work of the county, the year ending August 31st, 1879, has been one of interest and improvement. The teachers have seemed to teach with a higher appreciation of their calling than formerly. They have labored to improve themselves both in the art of teaching and in knowledge of the branches taught and as a result the schools have been of a higher order than in the years of the past. You ask for specific remarks as to the operation of the school law. There seemed to be a good deal of friction in the school work under the present system. The amended school law does not meet with general approbation in the county. Especially the system of locating the teachers by the Board of Education. There is much opposition to this arrangement and great dissatisfaction prevails in some districts and unless some change should be made by the next Legislature, there will be quite a number of the citizens of the this county that will vote against "power to levy." The old method of three trustees works much better than the present plan. Our citizens are anxious that some change may be made that will be a *permanent* improvement in our school system.

TEACHERS AND GRADES OF THEIR CERTIFICATES.

J. P. Kiser	2	Greek A. Chase	1
A. B. Reedy	2	Lycurgus Maddox	1
Tudie Starcher	2	W. H Maddox	1
Mary Franklin	2	Aurelius B. Corbin	2
Ella Tidd	1	Miss Mary Poling	1
Miss Carrie Ward	2	Miss Mary Staats	1
Miss Sue Morris	2	Miss Eoline Byrne	1
Miss Campie Morris	1	Miss Lettie Lewis	1
Miss Ada Johnson	1	Miss Maggie Wright	2
P. H. Slaven	1	Ezra B. Parsons	2
W. L. Gorrell	1	Jennings Casto	2
S. E. Boggess	1	Isaiah P. Parsons	1
C. C. Messebroad	1	Eldridge W. Parsons	2
B. F. Davis	1	Douglass M. Cranston	2
B. F. Moore	1	Newton Duffield	1
W. F. Starcher	1	Addison Casto	1
Miss Mollie Morehead	1	Miss Anna Keenan	2
F. A. Sayre	3	Robert Cunningham	1
James Jones	3	D. W. Cunningham	1
W. H. Lutes	3	Columbus Casto	1
Arthur Dawkins	1	Miss Lucy Ranny	2
B. S. Cheuvront	1	J. W. Green	2
C. N. Matheny	1	Robert R. Riley	1
T. O. McKowen	1	A. P. Sallaz	2
O. F. Ashley	3	Miller F. King	1
Wm. Miller	3	David E. Cole	1
R. M. Gross	2	John M. Stone	1
E. H. Flinn	1	Orville T. Hutchinson	1
J. B. Curry	1	Robert Carter	2
C. G. Archer	1	Benjamin Duff	1
J. R. Slaven	1	Wm. Slaughter	1
J. H. Kerr	1	Johh M. Pfort	2
S. K. Somerville	1	W. D. Keefe	1
George W. Hunter	1	James M. Sallaz	1
E. H. McLaughlin	2	R. L. Hardesty	1
Wm. Sluth	1	Miss Janie Johnston	1
George R. Male, (col'd)	3	Miss Bertha Johnson	1
Miss Alice Slaven	1	Joseph Johnson	2
K. D. Huff	1	Wm. Bumgardner	1
Miss Mary L. Core	1	M. V. Bowles	2
Francis Morgan	2	J. F. M. Hill	1
Dell Morgan	2	Miss Lizzie R. Oakes	3
Miss Mollie Atkins	2	Miss Melissa Fleming	1
Miss Esther Parsons	2	Miss Mattie Hays	3
Miss Rebecca Gordon	1	H. F. Layne	3
Miss Laura F. Hughes	2	G. H. Bonnett	1
John W. Smith	1	Wm. G. Duer	1
Miss Rachel Carnahan	1	Wm. M. Sallaz	1
Evertt E. Starcher	1	Miss Belle Morgan	2

JEFFERSON COUNTY—Jno. Hess, *Sup't.*

In compliance with the requirements of our school law, I herewith submit my annual report of the condition of the free schools of Jefferson county, for the school year ending August 31, 1879. Owing to the prevalence of diphtheria, scarlet fever, measles, whooping-cough, and other diseases in this county during the winter and early spring months, our schools were seriously crippled and the average attendance materially reduced.

I visited every school in the county once, and some of them twice, and found them in a fair condition, excepting a few. A majority of our teachers labored, I believe, faithfully and conscientiously; a few, however, did not acquit themselves so creditably. Our Institute, although ably conducted by Prof. Jos. McMurran, was not as successful as we had anticipated it would be, the attendance of teachers being small, and but little interest manifested by either the teachers or people.

I made an effort to obtain correct reports from the Secretaries of our Boards, to enable me to make, if possible, something like an accurate financial report, and I flatter myself that the one now presented, though it may show a few immaterial discrepancies, easily explained, is substantially correct. Our Sheriff made prompt and satisfactory settlements with our Boards of Education, showing an aggregate unexpended balance on hand of over $3,000. We received $1,294.25 of taxes from the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Company, for the year 1878.

TEACHERS AND GRADES OF THEIR CERTIFICATES.

J. R. Johnson	1	Miss L. M. Reynolds	2
J. W. Grubb	1	Miss K. Chambers	1
J. A. Brooks	1	W. S. Barnes, col'd	2
E. Schaeffer	1	B. Tyrrell, col'd	3
Wm. M. Castle	1	J. A. Irving, col'd	3
L. C. Tubb	1	W. A. Arter, col'd	1
T. C. Green	1	G. W. Hatter, col'd	1
G. H. Ransburg	3	L. L. Page, col'd	1
W. W. Gibson	2	J. H. Hill, col'd	1
J. M. Stephenson	1	W. W. Grimes, col'd	2
J. W. Baden	2	W. B. Evans, col'd	1
F. T. Homer	1	W. A. Thomas, col'd	2
T. N. Hill	2	C. T. Arter, col'd	2
W. W. Cockerell	1	J. H. Robinson, col'd	3
C. F. Castleman	1	T Blackburne, col'd	3
J. McFaden	1	T. S. Lovett, col'd	2
J. W. Myers	1	Mrs. M. E. Evans, col'd	1
H. C. Evans	1	Mrs. M. J. Grimes, col'd	1
Miss A. M. Jones	1	Miss R. McCard, col'd	3
Miss B. J. Beiler	1	Miss L. W. Simms, col'd	1
Miss A. Ridenour	1	Miss F. Simms, col'd	1
Miss A. Barnes	1	Miss J. Dixon, col'd	2
Miss A. J. Garrett	1		

KANAWHA COUNTY—Martin Hill, *Supt.*

The delay of this report beyond my customary time has been occasioned by the Boards of Education in two of the districts, which failed to make settlements with the Sheriff in proper time. Doubtless this has been purely accidental.

As this is my last report, I hope I may be pardoned if I say a word in favor of the County Superintendency. I think it has been the primary cause of the acknowledged advancement of free schools in general, and of those of the rural districts in particular. Teachers have generally heeded our advice, and Boards of Education have, very generally, accepted and acted upon our counsels for the past six years. As a result of such harmonious action, we can to-day show as much improvement in our school buildings, furniture, and such matters, as can be presented elsewhere, in counties of corresponding size, in the State.

But the system has its defects. Dependence on political influences is one of them. Another is the insufficiency of the salary. These causes combined will keep many competent persons out of office, and will be the cause of electing some that might be better employed in other pursuits. As for the salary, I think it should (extra expenses deducted) be at least as high as the salary of the best teachers in the county. Can any good reason be urged to cause an inferior to obtain a less salary than a superior in any pursuit? I admire economy, but parsimony in public affairs is, to my mind, the most contemptible meanness! Who does not know that the salary of $125.00 per annum will not enable the incumbent of the office to buy his stationery, room, lights, postage, etc.; yet, such is the astute wisdom of the majority of the law-makers who, at the recent session of the Legislature, enacted such a law as will, if not repealed, work ruin to the general system. Offer good, reasonable wages; demand adequate work, and employ men of whom such work can be reasonably expected. The interest of the free schools is the paramount interest of every sensible citizen and it is to be hoped sensible citizens will ever be in the majority, while croakers and pretended friends will ever be in the minority. This we may expect if we keep constantly and actively at work for the good and welfare of the free schools. Competent surpervision, or none, is as necessary as anything else, and we cannot expect this unless we are willing to pay for it. Either pay for the office or abolish it, is the prevailing sentiment among our people, without regard to party. They say "no man can have the supervision over one hundred and sixty-eight schools for the pitiful sum of $125.00 per annum."

In former reports frequent allusion has been made to the teacher's work, because they are a very important factor in the school work; but I would not leave the impression that a teacher, no matter how good, is the *de novo* for school success. The best schools are found where the best grown up people live. Parents and citizens should visit the schools often, and thus give the encouragement of their presence and interest. A most unwise thing for any parent to do is to speak against a teacher in the presence and hearing of his children. In this respect the Germans set a laudable example for us, for they train their children to honor, love and obey the teacher at all times. In this way they very materially aid in the proper education of their children. How strange it is that any parent should stir up his children to disobedience and rebellion in the school room! No pupil will fare ill at the hands of his teacher if he is uniformly in the line of his duty. In every possible way we ought to put our seal of

approval upon good behavior, and the mark of condemnation upon truancy, idleness, and disobedience. Our past success leads us to hope for great improvement in the future. Let parents, then, co-operate with the teachers and school officers in bringing about a reform that is much needed. While the home rule need not be made of iron, it should be sufficiently firm to make itself known and recognized. The seeds are now being sown which may spring up, either for the welfare or ruin of the youth of the State. Is it not true that we have gone on the plan of offering rewards for obedience instead of teaching a child that it is his duty to be obedient whether he is rewarded or not? Here is a great weakness on the part of those who have the management of children.

In concluding this report it may be said that although our schools have presented no startling or dazzling educational movements, there is no great cause for discouragement. While much has been accomplished in various parts of the county to promote the welfare of the schools, there remains a vast amount of labor to be performed to remove all the obstacles that now seem to hinder their perfect work.

The spirit of our people is to sustain the "people's colleges" and educate the children thoroughly for the performance of the duties of life, to which they will be called to fill.

Our teachers have very generally attended upon the work of the Teacher's Institutes and have been greatly benefited thereby. They recognize them as among the best agencies for preparing the teachers for their profession, and also for showing them what kind of preparation they need at the present.

I cannot close this report without stating my appreciation of all our teachers and school officers who have uniformly extended to me so many kindnesses and courtesies during my arduous duties as superintendent, enabling me to carry out my plans and purposes as I desired. These acts will never be forgotten, and to one and all I return unfeigned acknowledgements of gratitude. I trust my successor may be able to do more good for the general cause than I have ever done, and be the means of raising the educational standard higher and higher over the mountains, valleys and plains of Kanawha county.

TEACHERS AND GRADES OF THEIR CERTIFICATES.

C. B. Sarver	2	Jessie Wright	3
E. E. Price	2	H. C. Osborn	1
S. J. Haines	2	T. B. Warburton	2
M. L. Gillespie	2	J. H. High	1
Tillie Seifler	1	W. F. Shickey	2
Martin A. Rawlings	3	B. F. Hoover	2
Louisa Gibson	2	J. A. Chase	1
Mary A. Lynch	2	J. M. Chase	1
S. A. Motley	2	E. G. Roberts	2
I. I. Beasley	1	J. B. Fleming	1
J. B. Mairs	2	William May	2
Victoria Burgess	1	Jennie Graham	2
Fannie Sisson	2	Katie Wilson	2
Lewis Woods	2	H. F S. Asbury	1
Fannie Armstrong	2	D. H. Samuels	2
Nora Armstrong	2	C. S. Young	2
D. J. Price	1	Lucy G. Hanna	1
J. N. Price	2	P. W. Walker	2
A. C. Price	2	F. G. Burdett	2
C. M. Price	2	Bird Prilliman	2

Robert Keys	1	Van G. Bannister	2
Thomas R. Graham	2	L. W. Foster	2
Clara Tibbetts	2	G. G. Reynolds	2
J. C. Counts	1	C. M. Crist	1
C. W. Milam	1	A. W. Ownby	2
J B Whittington	1	Mary A. Grow	2
H. T Woodey	1	Ella Hughes	2
W Ross	1	Mollie M. McConiha	2
Jennie Stanley	1	Annie Woods	2
Emma Lyon	2	Fannie Allen	2
M. E High	2	Emma Allen	2
S. Barton	2	John Williams	2
Bradford L. Perry	2	M. M. Thompson	1
Lizzie Porterfield	3	Sallie Hansford	1
Anna Wale	2	W. L. Burditt	2
J. E. Draper	1	C. P. Keys	1
H. C Payne	2	C S Hoover	1
Sallie Starks	3	Addie Rousch	1
W. P. Campbell	1	Hattie Perry	2
J. Y Young	1	R. E. Vickers	2
H. H Young	1	O. C. Meadows	2
B. A. Melton	3	Ella Mays	2
S. A. McCormick	2	Amanda Danner	2
Peter Sillman	2	Henry E. Wintz	1
Helen Porterfield	2	M. Henderson	1
F. J. Guthrie	2	Anna Fleshman	2
J A. Wright	3	S L. White	1
P. B. Burbridge	2	Adam Littlepage	1
H. B. Rice	1	B. F. Washington	2
G. B. M. Clanahan	2	Addie Clark,	1
Albert Wallace	2	P. S. Thomas	3
Mary Jones	1	E B. Dyer	1
Fannie N. Smith	2	M. Wood Clarkson	1
Laura Wood	1	Carrie Clarkson	1
Lucy McChesney	1	L. A. Weaver	3
Lizzie McChesney	1	Ella Carr	1
P. S Jackson	2	Lydia Ritter	1
Ida Beckett	3	Ella Stewart	1
Sarah Woody	2	Flora Hobark	2
M. F. Spruce	2	Belle Wilson	1
A. G. Montague	2	J. R. Harrison	2
Mary Spurr	1	Mollie A. Harrison	2
Ida Spurr	2	Lulu Thurman	2
Mollie Stark	2	A. H. Irwin	2
Melissa Thaxton	2	Emelia Brockneye	2
N. B. Howell	1	Kate Walker	1
Sarah Slusser	2	Jennet Lewis	3

LEWIS COUNTY—W. G. Crook, *Sup't.*

This is my fifth annual report to the department of free schools, and for this, like its predecessors, I beg pardon for being a little "behind time."

It is a very difficult matter to get a report in on time, as the report of secretaries have to be corrected, some times returned, and various causes occasion delay.

Aside from the general features of this report I have nothing of interest to add in this place. The condition of the finances in this county is improving; our teachers are all promptly paid, and there seems to be a balance in favor of most of the districts. I may say, however, that we never have experienced much trouble regarding the payment of teachers, as the sheriff has been able in most cases to honor all the drafts the boards have issued, but the secretaries in some cases have had trouble in keeping their balances correct; but since the frequent settlements with the sheriffs have now to be made, I think this difficulty will disappear. The financial report from the independent district was not entirely satisfactory, but having been

delayed two weeks in making my own report on account of it, I had not time to return it or investigate it, but transmit it to you as it came to me.

Owing to the financial depression prevailing here as elsewhere, the wages of teachers have been lessened in all the districts, but no difficulty in obtaining a sufficient number of practical teachers will be experienced on this account.

The Weston graded school has opened with Prof. L. C. Crippen as Principal, and Prof. H. G. Lawson, as first assistant.

The schools throughout the county will be in session again the 5th of Nov. 1879.

TEACHERS AND GRADES OF THEIR CERTIFICATES.

J. E. Waggoner	3	E. M. Gibson	1
H. B. Hinzman	2	Miss Manda Forinash	1
M. B. Davis	3	G. V. Forinash	1
J. P. Freeman	1	Miss Mary A, Tracy	1
J. L. Straley	2	S. G. Bird	1
S. P. Hartman	2	L. S. Wetzel	1
E. A. Oliver	1	J. V. Hussey	1
W. R. Jewell	1	Alonzo Lorenz	1
J. S. Dean	1	J. A. Watson	1
A. N. Dodson	1	Miss Biddie Green	3
F. G. Brown	1	Mrs. Z. E Dennison	1
Prof. L. C. Crippin	1	Miss Biddie Fealey	2
Jas. E. Jarvis	1	J. M. West	1
Michael Casey	2	Miss Mary Wilkinson	3
J. N. Wolverton	1	Mrs. Laura A. Clark	1
B. T. Mulvaney	2	S. G. Yoke	1
J. M. Simon	1	G. J. Stack	1
Willie Gaston	2	W. D. Talbot	1
T. A. Law	2	Miss Virginia Hefner	2
J. F. Freeman	1	L. D. Humphreys	2
D. B. Lovett	1	J. F. Carder	3
J. T. Mundell	2	J. M. Brake	1
P. V. Hayden	3	Hamilton Critis	1
C. C. Hersman	1	Chas. T. Craig	1
H. L. Simpson	1	M. J. Bartlett	1
O. B. Wheeler	2	D. W. O'Brien	1
F. H. Rymer	2	Michael Gollaher	3
J. S. Shepler	1	W. S. O'Brien	2
W. S. Gibson	1	P. P. Flint	1
Oliver Rexroad	3	William Bland	2
Buchanan White	2	E. H. Kester	2
W. B. Fisher	1	J. A. Egan	2
Miss M. E. Whelan	3	Jas. A. Straley	1
Patrick Fahey	1	J. P. Allman	1
John F. Waugh	2	Miss Biddie Carney	3
J. G. Sims	2	G. W. Smith	1
Mrs. Rosa McAvay	1	A. M. Lewis	4
Miss Alice Forinash	1	W. C. Wilson	5
J. W. Bruffey	1	A. A. Conrad	4
J. A. Bird	1		

LINCOLN COUNTY—F. M. VICKERS, *Supt.*

It affords me pleasure to report that the schools of Lincoln county nave been a success during the past year. There has been since my last report a decided improvement. The schools were better attended than formerly, hence a larger amount of good has been acccomplished.

Still a county as poor as this cannnot be expected to have a truly efficient system of schools, while under so unjust and unequal a system of taxation. Some districts can never run the schools four months, although they lay the levy to the extent of the law. This levy with the State Fund will not run the schools more than three months.

The State Fund should be large enough with the levy, to run the schools at least four months in every district in the State.

It is unjust to tax one district three times as much on the dollar as another, and give the former only half the schooling that the latter has, as is often the case under the present system.

Even the high taxation which has been necessary in our county to run the schools is borne without a murmur. We are willing to be taxed for the support of schools, and have borne the taxes to the full extent of the law, still in some districts it is impossible to continue the schools longer than three months.

We do think that this is unjust, for it is not equal and uniform taxation.

I still adhere to my opinion suggested in my former report, that the district boards should be abolished and in lieu thereof, there should be organized a county Board of Education composed of one commissioner from each county school district. Which board should have all the power vested in the present District Boards. Pay those members a sufficient salary to enable us to get good business men to compose the board.

The importance of this change is to give uniformity of term and salaries throughout the county, which we can never have under the present arrangements.

Give us this important change in our school system; and in process of time our free school system will grow to maturity and become the pride of our State.

I close this, my fourth annual report, by returning my heartfelt thanks to the citizens, teachers and pupils of Lincoln county, for the undivided friendship which has been so generously bestowed upon me while visiting schools.

TEACHERS AND GRADES OF THEIR CERTIFICATES.

Morris Griffith	1	Miss Sallie Carper	2
B. B. Oxley	1	Miss Laura Mays	2
S. W. Oxley	1	Miss Ella Mays	1
A. H. Curry	2	Miss Alice Cummins	3
B. B. Curry	1	Miss Bell Adkins	2
E. J. Holt	1	Mrs. Mat Adkins	2
L. R. Sweetland	1	Miss Mattie Sweetland	1
T. M. Smith	1	Miss Ellen Smith	1
John Williams	1	Miss Marinda Oxley	2
G. W. Smith	1	Miss Vick Harmon	1
John May	1	Miss Rachel Thornton	1
John Kayser	2	Miss Almeda Chapman	1
G. J. Kayser	1	Miss Alice Chapman	1
E. B. Kayser	1	Miss Mollie Williams	2
W. E. Tabor	1	Miss Julia Griffith	2
William May	1	Mrs. Eliza McComas	1
E D. Hanna	1	P. H. Swann	2
E. Huffman	2	T. M Belds	1
Lewis Janes	1	James Griffith	2
A. L. Larbert	3	J. C. McCallister	4
J. W. Stowers	2	Miss Madora Smith	2
Rufus Stowers	2	J. C. Black	2
C. W. Paine	1	J. T. McConnel	1
William Pearson	1	G. Scites	1
John Pearson	1	Jasper Watson	2
Will Heck	1	Gilbert Hager	2
W. H. Stead	1	George Wilkinson	1
Thomas Holten	2	C. H. Childres	2

LOGAN COUNTY—S. S. ALTIZER, *Sup't.*

In making this my second annual report of the condition of the free schools of this county, I am sorry to say that my report has been delayed on account of the non-coming in of the secretaries' reports from some of the districts until this late date, and that they are so incorrect or imperfect that it is almost impossible to make anything like a true report of the workings of the free school system in this mountain county, though the masses continue to vote for the levy. And to carry on the schools the levy, laid to the extent of the law, runs our schools about two and one-half months throughout the county. Chapmansville district, it will be seen, runs its schools three months during the year. This is on account of good management of the Boards of Education in dividing the district only into nine sub-districts, and having an enumeration of four hundred children, while the other districts are sub-divided into so many sub-districts that the enumeration of youth does not run their schools more than two months. The school law, I think, might be so amended as to discontinue sub-districts where the enumeration does not exceed twenty-five. The money should be apportioned by the Boards of Education according to the number of youth in each sub-district, and when any sub-district for any good cause fail to have a school for any year, the Board should not use the money in any way, but to let it stand to the credit of the sub-district, so that if any sub districts should want to put two or more years' money together for the purpose of continuing their school for any length of time over the four months prescribed by law, they might have the right so to do.

Professor W. J. Kenney, who conducted our Teachers' Institute at Logan C. H. for this school year, had quite a success. The teachers turned out well and gave good attention, and all were well pleased with and will remember our noble State Superintendent for sending us the scholarly gentleman to conduct our Institute. Mr. Kenney left many good impressions upon the minds of our teachers that will be remembered.

TEACHERS AND GRADES OF THEIR CERTIFICATES.

G. V. Sagraves	1	Wesley Stollings	2
H. Farley	5	John Dempsy	3
J. S. Aldridge	1	G. B. Austin	1
T. W. Blankinsop	1	Ed. Lake	3
John Covert	2	Mrs R E Dempsy	2
Wm. H Black	1	Elijah Stone	2
J. M. P Robinetts	1	J. H. Dickinson, (col'd)	5
C. R. Christian	1	G. L. Ward, (col'd)	4
Wm. Mead	2	Joseph Ball	4
J. J. Christian	1	Joseph Simpkins	1
John B. Wilkinson	1	L. D. Chambers	2
Mark Dempsey	2	Mrs. M. A. Lowe	1
Alf. W. Buskirk	1	Hugh Dinges	2
Levi Evans	1	J. R Henderson	1
H. Dempsy	4	Wm. B Chapman	3
Wm. S. Brown	5	G. B. Vine	1
Levi Porter	5	James P. Moore	2
Miss M. J. Clark	1	J. M. Christian	2
T. C. Whited	1	N. Browning	3
Wm. A. Harris	1	Mrs. Ida McDonald	3
J. L. Deskins	3	D. C. Ross	1
Samuel McCulley	1	Wm. A. Stollings	1
I. E. H. Christian	2	J. M. Douglass	1
J. M. Glenn	2	J. C. Johns	1

MARION COUNTY—JON. M. SATTERFIELD, *Sup't.*

With these remarks I submit to you my statisticial and financial report of the Free Schools of Marion county for the years 1878–9, as required by law. The figures are as correct as it is possible to make them, considering the many imperfections in the reports of the secretaries.

It gives me pleasure to be able to report general success in the school work through the year. All the schools were visited by me, and they were found to be on the whole in a healthy condition. I give it as my opinion, based on the result of observation, that greater satisfaction was rendered by the teachers during the term than ever before. However this may be, certainly as a class the teachers are making great improvement. It is discouraging though, to notice so general a d'spos tion on the part of the Boards of Education to pay them less and less for their services, as they become in fact, more and more deserving. Should we continue prosperous for any length of time under such a state of affairs, our prosperity will be a thing to be wondered at by those who know most of the educational problem. The sure tendency of such a course is to drive those who are worthy of better treatment from the field, leaving the work in the hands of the poorly qualified and inexperienced, who alone can afford and will feel content to engage in teaching.

Some changes I think are demanded in the School Law. The salaries of teachers should be required to be uniform over the county. As it is, the Boards of Education are likely to fix upon as many different figures of salary for the same grade of teachers as there are different districts in the county. It is obviously unjust that "C" a teacher of equal standing in every respect with "D" should labor for five or ten dollars (or even one or two dollars) less per month than "D," in no more widely seperated "lines" than adjoining districts of the same county. As to the propriety of certain changes made by our last Legislature, I am forced to entertain serious doubts. Vesting the power of appointing the teachers in the Boards of Education may in time prove best, but there are in my opinion serious objections to the system in the present condition of things in our State, and especially in our county. I am fully persuaded that the purpose of the law is good, but fear that its practical operation with us for a season will not be satisfactory. Already there is a wide spread complaint. It is granted that this power should rest with a more intelligent and discreet body of officers than are likely to compose a Board of Trustees, but as matters are at present, the requsite qualifications for a wise discharge of this function are scarce more likely to be found in a Board of Education than in a body of Trustees. At all events it appears that it might be safer, at least for a time, to divide this important power among a greater number of individuals than to give it into the hands of a few comprising a Board of Education, such as we are likely to get in the excitement of an election by the people. The changes in the County Superintendency and that in the law of Teachers Institutes, I fear were both unwise. The former, however, I regard as the greater mistake; we are now virtually without county supervision, as the Superintendent is not required to visit the schools and direct in the matter of

instruction. If any change was needful, it was to add to the work of the office sufficiently to occupy the entire time of the Superintendent, and to add to his salary accordingly. The change relative to the furnishing of text-books can not but meet with general favor. There has come up one continuous cry that our school books have cost us too much, and now that the arrangement has effected to reduce the price, every one who has had any experience in purchasing text books will certainly rejoice.

The graduating system introduced by me the previous year was kept in operation through the term. Ninety-seven pupils passed the examination and received certificates. One hundred and twenty-eight passed the year before; so that in all, two hundred and twenty-five of our scholars have graduated, so to speak, since the plan was introduced. Classes have been formed for future years, and my successor informs me that he will continue the work. I enclose you with this, a copy of my second annual catalogue reporting these classes in full, and giving list of scholar graduates, list of teachers employed, etc.

In closing a term of four years service at the head of the five schools of the county, I feel assured that I have done the best I could to advance the cause, and I hold in grateful remembrance the many teachers and friends who by word or deed, afforded me kindly encouragement by the way. The work I leave in the hands of Mr. S. C. Parish, a gentleman well qualified for the office, and who, I have no doubt, will labor earnestly for the future good of the schools. As you desire short reports, I will not lenghten out my remarks.

TEACHERS AND GRADES OF THEIR CERTIFICATES.

H. L. Sturm	2	C. J. Garlow	2
B. M. Martin	1	H. R. Hess	3
Riley Shackelford	1	Lora Robinson	2
A. C. Amos	2	A. S. Arnett	1
Thos A. Nuzum	2	Thomas F. Conaway	2
Jno. N. Mercer	2	John L. Lake	2
S. W. Wilson	3	J. R. Clelland	2
O. L. Hoult	1	Olive Clelland	2
W. E. Hawkins	2	William Michael	3
H. B. Morgan	1	D. D. Cunningham	3
S. A. D. Glasscock	2	Effie Mercer	2
F. G. Billingsley	2	Rosie L. Kinney	2
John Wyer	3	Mollie Hall	2
D. C. Cunningham	3	May Swearingen	2
M. E. Toothman	3	Cora Billingsley	2
D. M. Davis	2	F. R. Cole	1
Geo. E Satterfield	3	Carrie V. Turney	1
S. M. Sturm	3	Nannie Hayhurst	2
Minor Nuzum	3	C. A. Miller	2
B. F. Mundell	1	Annie B. Miller	1
W. J. Snodgrass	2	Lizzie Stewart	1
T. L. Sturm	2	John N. Arnold	2
Arthur Sturm	2	J. M. Monroe	3
S. J. Sturm	2	H. C. Evans	2
W I. Cox	2	E. D. Haines	1
H. L. Hawkins	2	Mary S. Cochran	3
D. N. Musgrave	3	Luella C. Wallace	2
H. W. Martin	2	A. G. Shriver	2
H. C. Hall	1	W. J. Price	2
Sarah M. West	2	J. C. Barrackman	2
S. A. Shaw	2	J. R. Smith	2
C. H. Amos	2	T. B. Holbert	2
I. A. Barnes	2	Lucy Thorn	2
J. R. Nixon	3	Laura E. Morgan	2
Olive Ross	1	Addie Brodie	1
Viola Swearingen	2	Delia M Harr	1
C. B. Satterfield	2	G. W. Millan	1
H. L. Morris	1	A. S Parish	1
A. P. Harr	2	Kate Mason	2

Ida Lowe	1	Martha J. Martin	3
T. F. Billingsley	2	C. Jannett Clayton	2
A. M. Kuhn	3	Newton Jones	3
M. F. Hamilton	2	James Cox	3
A. O. Davis	2	S. A. D. Glasscock	1
J. R. Brand	2	Isaac Cox	3
S. G. Ash	2	Newton Jones	3
M. E Metz	2	George N. Martin	1
C D. Hawkinberry	3	Robert Martin	2
Elias Kendall	2	James Cox	2
H. L. Boyles	2	E. T. Clayton	2
J. F. Jones	1	C. L. Barnes	3
L. E. Morgan	1	F. M. Kellar	2
J. L. Morgan	1	L. M. Koon	1
F. M. Ashcraft	1	R. S. Miller	1
A. E. Coon	2	W. E. Hawkins	1
D. M. Ice	2	W. S. Prickett	2
L. Burchinal	2	Julia Davis	2
Fannie J. Prichard	1	I. J. Parsons	2
Lizzie Boyles	3	Alfred Sanders	1

MARSHALL COUNTY—W. M. WIRT, *Supt.*

(No Written Report.)

TEACHERS AND GRADES OF THEIR CERTIFICATES.

Thomas Pedley	1	Jennie Eagleson	2
C. F. Larue	4	J. W. Abercrombie	2
L. S. Riggs	5	Milton Gray	2
Hiram Chaney	4	Estella Martin	2
G. Garrett	2	Maggie McGaw	1
A. Hedge	3	Carrie Jones	1
A. R. McKahee	3	W. T. Powell	2
J. H. Wilson	4	P. Meeker	2
J. Richey	2	P. S. Harris	1
W. L. Manning	2	A. Robinson	2
J. W. Mathews	4	G. Rine	3
C. Grimes	5	G. B. Oliver	2
Jennie Moore	2	P. M. Burleigh	2
Jennie Thomas	2	J. M. Rine	3
J. Daken	4	C. G. Cunningham	2
W. V. Teagarden	2	C. C. Trussell	1
W. Evans	1	C. F. McCracken	2
Clara Milligan	2	M. L. Crow	1
J. T. King	1	A. R. Warden	1
W. P. Coleman	5	J. M. Null	1
Marion Keyser	4	Belle Munnell	2
J. R Jones	2	M. M. Warden	1
J. R. Lockwood	5	J. Will. Kelley	3
J. C. Hood	1	S. P. Simpson	2
V. R. Brown	3	J. D. Marsh	5
Flora Osborne	1	David Bonar	1
C. H. Dowler	2	G. C. Monroe	1
W. H. Daggs	4	G. W. Wilson	2
Lizzie Orr	1	C. P. Talbott	1
Addie Sloan	1	C. E. Trussell	1
Jennie St. Clair	2	George McIntyre	1
Mary Peck	1	H. O. Massie	2
Andrew Chambers	3	J. R Potter	3
M. B. Strawn	2	W. E. Mason	1
S. L. Farrar	1	H. B. Mason	2
Jennie Whittingham	2	John Montgomery	2
E. E. Jones	2	E. B. Thomas	2
H. Virginia Whiteside	2	M. L. Nesbit	2
India Evans	2	Tillie Cumpston	2
Mary McCabe	1	E. D. Steenrood	2
Mattie Wilson	2	Sallie Cole	1
I. Lutes	2	Phil. Riley	1
Annie Mesenhelder	3	Olive A. Stout	1
R. J. Cooke	4	Wylie Kerr	2
Minerva White	1	J. P. Hunt	2
Mary Hendershot	2	W. R Dowler	3
Ada Wallace	2	J. R. Moore	2
Clara Parriott	3	Maggie Crago	2

MASON COUNTY—Chas. E. Hogg, *Sup't.*

The transmission to you of this my fourth annual report of the free schools of Mason county concludes my services as County Superintendent of this county, and I am constrained to say that the severing of the relation that I have thus sustained to the people occasions me, on the one hand, to experience a feeling of relief and pleasure, and on the other, sadness and depression—relief, because of the great responsibilities which the office imposes from which I am released, and depression, because of the many happy hours enjoyed in my visits to the public schools, during which my associations with teachers and pupils afforded me much pleasure and gratification, to a repetition of which I shall not soon again be treated.

During the past four years there has been a commendable progress in the free school work of our county, and a spirit of improvement and advancement seems to inspire the majority of teachers and school officers in the discharge of their respective duties. On the part of the teachers, it is due them to say that they have exerted themselves, in many instances, to attain to a higher standard of intellectual and moral culture with most pleasing and promising results. We have within our own county borders a corps of teachers that can most acceptably meet the demands of our people in educating and training the youths of our county. The good effects of Teachers' Institutes cannot be over estimated in inspiring teachers with professional pride and inciting them to take a high stand in the work of educating the young. Two such Institutes have been held in this county during the school year last past and the attendance of teachers was large and the interest manifested by the citizens great. The opposition to our system of free schools has not been entirely dissipated, but there is now no strenuous or decided opposition, and the objections formerly urged to our present system of education are fast disappearing as its operation and fruits are seen and enjoyed. But perhaps there never will be a time when prejudice and bias may not offer some criticism to our schools, but its effect will be so weak and transient as to leave no impression upon the minds of their supporters.

As to the operation of our school law, I have nothing further to say than that I would advise against frequent changes being made in the school law, as changes tend to create confusion among those who are called to look after the interests of our schools and discharge the duties of school officers. As to the statistical and financial part of my report, I have to say that it is in the main correct.

TEACHERS AND GRADES OF THEIR CERTIFICATES.

Agee, A. J.	1	Beller, John E.	1
Be be, Maggie	3	Boggess, A. L.	2
Behan, Jennie	1	Batchelor, W. A.	1
Behan, Grace	1	Baker, Chas. J.	2
Brock, Levi J.	2	Campbell, J. B.	2
Brown, J. C.	1	Campbell, G. W.	2
Bechtel, Squire	2	Castle, W. A.	2
Blaze, M. F.	2	Clark, Alice	2
Beard, Darius	1	Clark, W. H.	2
Brown, W. D.	3	Chambers, Hillie	2
Bryan, T. J.	1	Coleman, Eli	2

Lewis, Jessie A	2	Morris, Laura	2
Lewis, V. A	1	McDanie', Sallie	2
Lewis, Francis	1	Mc omis, Alexander	2
Lamar, D. F	2	Nye, S S	2
M sman, E. J	1	Nye, T. S	1
McDaniel, J. F	3	Paden, Jennie	2
Melton, H. F	2	Petty, D. W	1
McKee, Joseph	2	Priddy, S. C	3
Morris n, John C	2	Paden, Alice	2
Morris, James E	2	Pitchard, George W	2
McFad n, M. F	1	Rousch, Fannie	3
Daigh, John	1	Rodgers, L. F	1
Davies, Samuel	2	Ridinger, A. S	2
Delay, J. W	1	Roush, F. M	1
Divine, L. A	1	Rine, Edg r	2
Edwards, Arthur	1	Roush, Peter L	1
Fisher, J. W	1	Rush, G E	2
Fisher, D. W	1	Summers, Samantha	3
Fisher, J. T	1	Scott, Sallie E	2
Foglesong, J. T	2	Stone, Lizzie	2
Fa lley, L. C	2	Stevens, Fannie	2
Fadley, C W	1	Sargent, Lou	2
Fisher, H. U	1	Short, Mary	2
Greenlee, Mary M	2	Sargent, Josie	2
Graham, Ida	3	Stephenson, Mildred	1
Groves, Anna G	2	Sheets, B. M	3
Greenlee, T. E	2	Smith, Robt	1
Gwinn, Walter	1	Stout, G. H	1
Hunter, R. T	2	Sullivan, D. M	2
Hutchinson, Belle	2	Starkie, J. W	2
Hart, Josephine	2	Smith, G. H	3
Hart, Ell	2	Smith, James A	1
Horner, Lizzie	1	Stewart, M. F	2
Horner, Jennie	1	Shively, J. B	1
Hibbard, Anna	2	Sayre, D. F	1
Hutchinson, Jennie	2	Slues, A. R	3
Henford, R E	2	Scott, A. E	1
Harris, Florilla	2	Stewart, A C	1
Harper, E. C	1	Taylor, Libbie	2
Hull, James C	2	Taylor, Lou	2
Higginbotham, F. F	2	Walker, Rose	2
Hogg, James A	2	Westall, Mary A	2
Hogg, T. G	1	Waterson, Maggie J	2
Haynes, William	3	Warner, John C	2
Hill, J F. M	2	Wheeler, W. H	3
Hogg, Lizzie	1	Winkler, A. J	2
Hess, Chas	2	Womeld rf, Daniel	3
Jones, Sallie	2	Whitehead, E. H. S	1
Johnson, J H	1	Wells, May	3
Knig t, M ry	1	Wesson, Kate	1
Kerr, Jenni	2	Yeager, M. F	1
Knapp, C. C	1	Young, T. H	3
Knight, Lillie B	1	Yeager, J B	1
Knight, Ida	1	Yeager, Reed	1
Knight, Ev	1	Zirckle, Charles	1
L wis, Cassie J	1		

MERCER COUNTY—James W. Hale, *Sup't.*

I hereby transmit to you my annual report as County Superintendent of schools for Mercer County, for the school year ending 31st day of August, 1879.

It will be seen from this report that the schools of this county were run for only four months during the year; this is owing to the fact that funds necessary to continue them longer in operation cannot be obtained in this county under the present system of taxa'ion. While a very large majority of the substantial citizens of this county are fully aware of the necessity of a free school system of education, yet the taxation necessary to keep the schools running even for four months during the year, is so onerous and oppressive as to create very considerable prejudice against our present system of free schools. Persons opposed to the system upon other grounds, use this as an

argument against it, and in August last came very near defeating the levy in two districts in this county. As far as this county is concerned, this can only be removed by placing the free school system upon a State basis.

The school houses of this county are as good, and are made as comfortable as possible under the circumstances. Our teachers are gradually becoming more industrious and more efficient, but their salaries this year have been reduced to a mere pittance, which has produced discouragement and dissatisfaction.

TEACHERS AND GRADES OF THEIR CERTIFICATES.

A. W. Reynolds	1	C. A. Morgan	1
Geo. B. Martin	1	M. W. Christie	1
A. J. Hearn	1	S. M. Christie	1
B. P. Pendleton	1	C. Frow	3
J. D. Thornton	3	M. Boulton	2
W. P. Moth	1	Silas T. Reynolds	1
T. J. Comer	1	R. C. Christy	1
R. E. Thornton	1	W. D. Caffe	1
Mattie Johnston	2	T. S. Stinson	1
E. W. Reynolds	2	C. H. Davidson	1
H. H. Tubor	2	Jas. C. Peters	1
J. E. Masse	1	D. P. Pendleton	1
G. L. Saunders	2	Josephine Maston	1
E. B. Carr	1	L. A. Michels	1
F. H. Farley	1	W. T. Chatting	1
Corda Pine	1	W. E. Maston	1
R. E. Pendleton	1	T. E. Combs	1
M. F. Ellison	1	Jas H. Prinkly	1
A. J. Young	1	Jno. D. Caldwell	1
M. F. Thomas	1	S. C. Robinson	1
W. P. Boggess	1	H. H. Shumate	1
R. A. Boggess	1	R. M. Peters	1
S. S. Bowling	1	D. C. Clendenin	1
C. Lilly	2	R. D. Karns	1
John L. Stafford	1	W. P. S. Ross	1
W. A. Stowall	2	A. B. Phipps	1
L D. Martin	2	E. E. Phipps	1
A. C. Davidson	1	Scott Witten	1
H. E. Martin	2	W. B. Lilly	1
L. C. Shuesbury	1	Jno. H. Cartwrite	2
J. M. Meadows	1	R. McComes	2
H. G. Lilly	1	C. H. J. Taylor	2
L. G. Hoge	1	Z. T. Rogers	1
J. A. Doyle	1	F. S. Hill	2
J. W. Vines	1	S. G. Ellison	1
W. C. Cooper	1	A. J. Godfrey	1
M. L. Bailey	1	C. B. White	1

MINERAL COUNTY—Jas. A. Sharpless, *Supt.*

(*No Written Report.*)

TEACHERS AND GRADES OF THEIR CERTIFICATES.

C. E. Taylor	1	Miss Sallie Welton	3
S. I. Kreemer	2	Mrs. L. A. Walsh	1
Miss Annie Fallon	2	Mrs. N. R. Shultice	1
John Hyleman	2	Miss Ella J. Slemaker	1
Miss Kate Kildow	2	Miss Clara Clayton	1
George W. McLaughlin	2	D. C. Arnold	1
Miss Augusta Eppler	4	Miss Henrietta Dubois, (col'd)	2
Miss Maggie Sheetz	2	Thomas A. Nuzum	2
Miss Annie Burnworth	2	F. A. Smith	2
Miss Emma Krigbourne	1	James B. Furr	2
Miss Elizabeth Todd	3	O. H. Huston	3
L. F. Rupel	1	H. J. Wagoner	3
George W. Heltze	4	John E. Broome	3
T. D. Arnold	2	Minor Chamblin	3

J. C. Mullen	4	Miss S. V. Cunningham	3
I. H. Offner	1	Jesse Dixon, (col'd)	4
Miss Carrie A. Nesbitt	2	I. W. Leatherman	1
Miss Jennie Murphy	2	John O' Thrush	3
Miss Bettie Furr	2	Barker Shillingburg	3
Miss H. T. Stevenson	1	M. S. T. C. Grayson	3
F. P. Kelley	1	Miss E. Russel	1
Miss Virginia Startzman	2	Miss Maggie Flick	5
Miss Hattie A. Newhouse	4	George B. Junkins	2

MONONGALIA COUNTY—ALEXANDER L. WADE, *Sup't.*

(*No Written Report*).

TEACHERS AND GRADES OF THEIR CERTIFICATES.

Miss Drusilla Hunter	2	Hosea Stansberry	2
Wm D. Costolo	1	Wm. J. King	2
Wm. R. Ruble	2	Virgil Vaudervort	1
Wm. H. Bailey	2	John D. Gans	2
Wm. H. Rude	2	Linsey Warman	1
George W. Walls	2	Francis A. Dunn	2
Miss Columbia Simpson	1	I. Alonzo Everley	1
Miss Eva Boyers	1	Wm. H. Kart	1
W. Jerome Sheets	2	Whitfield W. Tapp	1
Thomas B. Staggers	1	James Farrell	1
Barton M. Jones	1	Fannie Price	2
Jonn F. Chipps	2	Otis W. Waters	1
Walter P. Mapel	2	Elza Warman	1
Samuel W. Ramsey	1	W. Layton Coombs	1
Miss Carrie V. Fletcher	1	Edward P. Brand	1
Miss Georgie E. Fletcher	2	Newton J. Maple	2
Miss Sue M. Thomas	1	John E. Haught	2
John W. Anderson	2	Henry I. King	2
David M. Henderson	2	James W. McGowen	2
James M. Anderson	2	Edward R Demain	1
Geo. W. Johnston	1	Thomas P. Selby	2
John L. Johnston	1	Frank M Wood	1
Cyrinus Lemasters	1	Miss Laura Shisler	1
Waitman W. Sine	2	Miss Anna Campbell	2
McKendre Wilson	2	Harrison M. Clayton	2
Wm. S. Hillery	1	Leoline R. Coogle	2
Sanford J. Talkington	2	Drusilla J. Choen	2
John C. Jones	3	David Wiedman	1
S. Judson Hall	1	Nancy Simpson	2
E. Benton Hall	2	Wm. N. Conner	2
John D. Russell	2	Luther Lincoln	2
Osman C Tenant	2	Miss Mattie Stewart	2
John W Woodruff	2	Charles M. Wilson	2
Eliana L. Tenant	2	S. Judson Jenkins	3
Reziu W. Sine	2	W. H. Brand	2
Ira E. Hall	2	W. T Willey Barb	2
Miss Sue E Fletcher	1	Elizabeth Cordray	2
Thomas L. Everley	2	Emeline Coleman	1
Miss Laura H. Courtney	1	Ella Gorman	2
Jasper W. Smith	1	John Henry	2
John Laird	1	Joseph C. Willard	2
D. Benson Waters	1	Willie G. Gans	2
John C. Murphey	2	Elliott S. Stewart	2
James P. Braud	1	Francis J. Brock	2
William E. Price	2	Alfred S. Barker	2
George F. Martin	1	P. T. Melvin Laishley	3
Andrew J. Arnett	1	George W. Morgan	1
Hynson J. Cole	1	Clark B. Hall	2
George C Cole	1	John M. Jolliff	Normal Graded 2
David M. West	1	J. Clark Cole	1
H. Clark Jones	1	Marion C. Ramsey	2
Oscar C Gregg	2	J. Clark Warman	2
A. Jarrett Hare	1	J. Marcellus Stewart	2
Sanford R. Fisher	2	Miss Mollie A. Davis	2
Geo. W. Semans	2	Robert W. Tapp	1
Miss Emma L. Jones	1	Lizzie A. Stewart	1
Miss Katie Griffith	2	Willie F. Anderson	2
Tillie Frum	1	Walter H. Michael	2
Theodore V Coleman	1	Morgan B. Hale	2
Waitman W. Houston	1	Luther M. Boyers	1

John J. Brand	2	Mollie A Gorman	2
Richard E. Fast	2	Mary Bowlby	2
Lou H. Keenan	2	Elijah P. McGinnis	2
Marshall Jacobs	2	Thomas M Wilson	2
Thomas I. McKa	2	J. Milton Hall	2
Elias Thomas	2	Anna E. Aclin	2
Chas T. Gregg	3	Mary Acklin	2
John M. Davis	2	Lou Stewart	2
Minnie L Wood	2	Richard B. Price	3
Allen R. Price	2	Laura V. Price	3
John C. Roby	2	J. Ray Conner	2
Chas E. Jolliff	2	Elias C. Tennant	2
James M. Wilson	3	I. Jasper Parsons	3
Edward E Baker	2	Luther Tennant	2
Martin L Snyder	2	Alfred J. Lemley	2
Ross Larkin	2	Martin L. White	2
Bettie V. Fife	2	John M. Arnett	2
Virginia A McKa	2	J. C. Glasscock	2
Jennie F. Selby	2	Albert C. Wood	2
Elmer H Wince	2	George W. Laishley	
Guy Barker	2		

MONROE COUNTY—J. P. CAMPBELL, *Sup't.*

I have the honor to transmit to you this annual report of the condition of free schools of Monroe County for the school year ending August 31st, 1879. I had hoped to be able to make and forward it within the time required by law, but owing to the failure of two of the district secretaries to make theirs in time, I am a few days behind time. These failures begin with the trustees, who almost unanimously fail to discharge the duties required of them. Observation convinces me that the trusteeship does not add anything to the efficiency of our school system. I was pleased with the act of the late Legislature dispensing with two-thirds of the evil, by reducing the number required for each school from three to one.

The men composing the Board of Education of the various districts of this county, whose term of office expired with the beginning of this school year, discharged their duties faithfully. They were much censured by some of the teachers for reducing the teachers' salaries, but all things considered I think they were about right. We have too many young, inexperienced teachers for them to expect liberal salaries. I think the law fixing teachers' salaries according to the grade of their certificates, should be so amended as to discriminate between teachers of several years experience and those just entering upon the profession, though they possess the same grade of certificate. Something of this kind must be done in order to induce persons to make teaching a profession.

Institutes were held at different times and places during the year, which were well attended, most of the teachers making the full time of attendance required of them by law, but it was evident that it was with reluctance on the part of many who would not have attended but for the *pro rata* reduction from their salaries for the time of non-attendance.

I refrain from comments on the late amendments to the school law, till they shall have been tried.

TEACHERS AND GRADES OF THEIR CERTIFICATES.

J. D. Becket	1	Allie Garvin	2
N. B. Campbell	1	R. S. Read	1
P. W. Boggess	1	H. C. Bare	1
J. T. Coffman	1	J. E. Keadle	1

H. J Donnelly	1	E. M. Arnott	1
G. C. Osborne	1	W S. Hobbs	1
L. E. Campbell	1	C. D. Fortner, (col'd)	2
J. P Skaggs	1	I. C Bailey, (col'd)	2
Shelton Clark	1	I. T. Armstead, (col'd)	2
M H. Walkup	1	B. R Parker	2
Ella G. Krebbs	1	G. W. Sayre	2
Bettie Prentice	1	G. W. Tomkins	1
Ellen Prentice	1	S. W. Bean	1
Jennie B Green	1	S. L. Bruffy	1
R. A. Patton	1	C. C Hoke	2
Nettie Diddle	1	T J Wickline	1
W. R. Smith	3	J. D. D. Ragland	2
C. B. Given	1	J. H. Cook	2
E. A. Tomkins	1	Marion Gilchrist	1
James Dunlap	1	Rob't . Riddle, (col'd)	1
J. W. Boon	1	J. F. Lively	1
L. G. Cheuvront	1	C. W. Campbell	1
J. B Bettinger	1	Lillie Baity	1
T. E. Chambers	1	Henry A. Vawter	1
J. H. Parker	1	J. R. McClaugherty	1
W. T. Smith	1	J. A. Rushbrooke	1
Samuel Young, (col'd)	4	W. H. Holroyd	1
Lizzie Mann	2	. S. Strong	1
J. P. Dunn	1	M B. Banks, (col'd)	2
H. M. Wills	1	J. P. Patton	1
W. E. Hines	2	R. P. Appling	1
R. R Little	1	R H. Irons	2
S H. Holyday	1	Charles Martin	1
C L. Larew	1	Jennie E. Crist	1
Thomp Houchins	1	Harvey Heavener	1
D. J. Mann	1	J S. Armentrout	2

TEACHERS HOLDING PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATES.

A. L. Peck.	W. S. Stroman.
W. W. McClaugherty.	Miss Jane Dunlap.
J. A. Meadows.	D. C. Elmore.
J. E Keadle.	H. C. Bare.
A. P Miller.	S. R. H Irons.
G W Ballenger.	N. B. McDowell.
R S. Rudd.	J. J. Moran.
E. M. Arnott.	G. M Nickell.
Michael Murphy.	J. H. Crosier.
C M. Honaker.	

MORGAN COUNTY--GEORGE BUCK, *Supt.*

In forwarding my report of the free schools of this county for the year ending August 31, 1879, I think I can safely state that we are making progress in several important particulars. In Cacapon district two new and handsome school houses were erected at a cost of about $450.00 each—one being for the colored school at the village of Pawpaw. Whilst the school population was a little smaller than in the preceding year, yet the attendance was the largest and most regular, and the whole number of months taught the greatest we have ever had. I visited every school in the county at least once. This afforded me an opportunity not only of witnessing the interior working of the schools, but of conversing with the teachers, the school officers and patrons in regard to them, and if they were not running properly to ascertain what the difficulties were. I found a very large majority of them giving entire satisfaction. As a further evidence of this, nearly half our teachers have been engaged to teach again the same schools they taught last winter.

The vote in favor of school levy was almost unanimous. Our present sheriff has settled with all our Boards of Education and has paid all our teachers promptly.

Our county Teachers' Institute, held in Bath last winter, under the law of 1877, was attended by all our teachers except those from Sleepy Creek district, and they were excused, by their Board of Education, from attending upon condition of teaching twenty-two days to the month. The average daily attendance of teachers at the Institute was eighty-five per cent. of those enrolled. The Institute held in Bath in August last, under the law of 1879, was but slimly attended. The blanks for secretaries' reports, as well as the reports themselves, are much more full and satisfactory than they were a few years ago, when made under the old forms.

It is to be regretted that some of our ex-sheriffs have not yet made their final settlements with all our Boards of Education. If more promptness could be secured in this matter, the tax-payers would frequently be relieved from paying twice for the same thing. As an instance of the hardships arising from this negligence, the Board of Education of Sleepy Creek district, in April, 1873, gave an order on the Sheriff in favor of the builder of a schoolhouse for his money. Very little, if any, effort was made by the holder of the order to collect his money until the expiration of nearly five years from the date of the order, when he brought suit against the Board of Education, the Sheriff in the meantime having become insolvent. The Board pleaded that they had levied the money; that the people had paid the money into the hands of the Sheriff, and that the holder of the order should have looked to the Sheriff and his sureties before they became insolvent. The matter is still in litigation.

You will also observe that the balance to the credit of the districts in this report is not as much as the amount reported unexpended at the close of last year's report. This difference arises chiefly in the Bath district, and in this way: For several years the amount due the ex-Sheriff has been reported as so much money on hand; but as it may never be collected, it was thought prudent to drop the amount from our reports until it is collected and then report it as so much money on hand.

The late amendments to the school law can better be commented upon after they shall have been tried than now. Taking all things into consideration, I think we have reason to be thankful for the progress we are making in free school matters in this county.

TEACHERS AND GRADES OF THEIR CERTIFICATES.

Israel B. Hill	1	J. H. Filler	1
H. T. Wirgman	1	C. A. Wynant	1
C. E. Peck	3	Aaron Howard co'ld	5
Miss Jennie McCune	1	I. P. Noland	3
Miss Alice Robinson	1	A. B. Hill	1
Jas. S. Michael	1	W. K. Daniel	3
L. B. Kidwell	2	J. M. Chesnut	2
R. L. Fearnow	2	F. P. K. Little	2
B. H. Smith	1	Miss Mazie Tabb	2
S. J. Hawvermale	2	Mrs. E. W. Crothers	1
Miss Mary E. Whisner	2	Miss M. E. Whisner	1
Wm. F. Smith	2	Miss S. E. Covalt	3
S. S. Hall	3	L. W. Scudamore	2
Wm. Evorsole	3	S. J. Hawvermale	2
Wm A. Markell	3	R. L. Fearnow	2
Jas. I. Widmeyer	3	S. S Hall	3
C. S. Shade	3	G. W. Underwood	2
Noah Potter	3	Noah Potter	3
J. A. Risinger	3	James F. Hopkins	2
D. A. Brady	1	Miss E. M. Newman	2

A. C. Allemong	2	John A. Risinger	2
C. E. Walling	1	H. T. Wirgman	1
Wm. H. Clary	1	L. B. Kidwell	1
L. B. Edmiston	1	James I. Widmeyer	2
R. M. Wilson	2	Thomas Smith	3
Thos. Smith	3	H. W. Michael	3
Timothy Moriarty	1	I. C. Somers	3
Jos. M. Brown	1	N. W. Clarke	3
Henry Chilson	1	J. H. Filler	1
H. E. Reynolds	2	L. P. Noland	3

McDOWELL COUNTY—J. J. GAMBLE, *Supt.*

I send herewith my annual report of schools within my county which is very imperfect. The Secretary of Big Creek District made a good report, but the reports from Elk Horn and Sandy River are very imperfect. We labor under many disadvantages, but we believe the free school system to be improving within our county.

I am truly sorry that it has been impossible to make a better report, but I could not do so without going over the county and gathering up the information necessary at my own expense.

Our Teachers' Institutute has given our teachers an impetus in the direction of education which promises to be lasting. We would certainly ask the benefit of another Institute, and would be glad to have it conducted by N. J. Kenney, who endeared himself to us by his kindness and also by the proficiency with which he conducted our Institute.

TEACHERS AND GRADES OF THEIR CERTIFICATES.

Wm. Walker	3	Hugh Dillon	1
W. S Gamble	1	N. C. Metcham	2
John W. Waldron	1	C. Murphy	2
John Yost	2	J. T. Myres	1
A. R. Williams	1	E. F. Totten	1
Isaiah Sparks	1	W. P. Payne	1
Wm. P. Walker	1	Allen Steel	1
W. S. Myres	1	J. F. Heileman	1
H. L. Franklin	1	Wm. Collins	3
M. C. Christian	1	J. W. Holbrook	1
J. F. Gillespie	1	Sallie V. Johnson	1
George F. Brussels	2	L. W. Gamble	1

NICHOLAS COUNTY—JOS. L. SMITH, *Sup't.*

My report is as nearly correct as I can make it. Some of the district secretaries are inexperienced; in some of the districts these officers are changed annually, and errors in accounts and reports are therefore to be expected. Most of the districts are in debt, and consequently the balance is *against* the district instead of being to its credit, and owing to the arrangement of the blanks, cannot be exhibited in the reports. One district, Kentucky, has become so much involved, that the friends of the school system united with its enemies at the recent election in voting down the levy; their object being to pay off old scores, and start anew.

On the whole, the schools of our county are doing a good work—a work which becomes better by each year's experience. Our teachers, already said to compare favorably with those of any county in the

State, are evidently advancing in all the essentials of successful teaching. The people generally are beginning to regard the public school system a necessity, and any direct effort to abolish it would meet with far greater and more general opposition than was encountered in its establishment. True, the public school system of West Virginia has enemies, very bitter and dangerous ones, as was evidenced by the Legislature of last winter; but these enemies are not the people of this section of the State, nor do they represent these people when they attempt by legislation or otherwise, to destroy our public school system, or lessen the power of our schools for good. Keep the enemies of the schools out of the Legislature, and teach the young solons who make the biennial pilgrimage to Wheeling, that the school law was not designed to afford them material upon which to exercise their law mending ingenuity, merely, and then the public schools of West Virginia will soon become the peers of any in our country.

TEACHERS AND GRADES OF THEIR CERTIFICATES.

W. W. King	1	J F. Robinson	2
W. M. McClung	2	J. J. Powell	1
S. P. Schindel	1	S. H. Copenhaver	1
Sabina Fitzwater	3	A. W. Bobbet	2
J. C. Ramsey	2	A. A. Hamil on	1
A. M. Stevens n	2	S M. N. Mars	1
B. N. McCutchen	2	W. Y. Callaghan	1
M. A. Grose	2	F. W. Champ	2
R. S. Robinson	2	Geo. A. Herold	1
S. C. Cavendish	3	E. P. White	1
Ruth Groves	3	Miss A. M. Thornton	1
J B. Spriggs, (col'd)	2	F. D. Herold	2
Geo. A. Groves	1	J. M Curren	1
Wm. A Peck	1	W. F. Callaghan	1
D. P. Bell	1	L. M. Atwood	1
H. P. Hardway	2	J. A. Alderson	1
J. W Van Bibber	2	W. H. Robinson	2
W. W. Bickus	2	I N. Cox	1
Geo. E Ward	3	Cyrus McClung	1
Vanj elt Neil	1	Miss V. E Hill	1
Jas C. Grose	2	Miss M. Cavendish	1
L. W. Herold	1	Miss J. Rudolph	4
J. T. Grose.	1	W. H Surgeon	2
Geo. W. Norris	2	H. C. Perkins	1
Jno. L McCoy	2	Miss M. S. Baber	3
C. R. Hanna	1	O. B Kiser	3
J. W. Koontz	1	Hans Pierson	1
C. V. Foster	2	H. A. McClung	2
C H. Walkup	2	J. H. Robinson	1

OHIO COUNTY—J. C. MAXWELL, *Supt.*

The past year has been of general prosperity in the schools of this county, so far, at least, as the satisfaction given by teachers is concerned. Out of the forty-two teachers who have been employed during the year, not more than two or three have failed to give satisfaction. Of these teachers there were but six who were not residents of our own State. The day appears to have arrived, when this part of the State at least, can supply her own schools with teachers. Of these forty-two teachers, seventeen were not subject to examination, most of the latter number being graduates of the Normal School.

As the population increases, our Boards of Education find it necessary to subdivide sub-districts, erect new school houses, and build additions to old ones. Triadelphia District built this year one new

house, and placed a second-story on another. Liberty District had arrangements in progress for two or three new houses which will probably be built this fall and appear in next year's report. Richland District, judging from the average attendance, has more school houses than necessary—not for the amount of territory, nor for the enumeration, but for the actual attendance. The average attendance in this district is but twenty-nine per cent. of the enumeration. The average attendance in the whole county is thirty-six per cent. of the enumeration, while the enrolled number is sixty-two per cent. of the enumeration. Irregular attendance is the great barrier to success in our free schools.

In my tabular report, the school houses of Liberty District have been represented as having good furniture while the value is estimated at $25.00 per house. The furniture is sound and substantial, but rather antiquated. These houses will, I presume, be supplied with more modern furniture at no distant period. In this district there is one colored school. A new house will be erected for them this fall.

Teachers' Institutes were held at two different points in the county, Triadelphia and West Liberty. Sessions of five days were held at each place, supplemented by monthly meetings, making eight days of Institute at each place. I am certain much good was accomplished at these Institutes. The five days' Institute, as provided for by the acts of last winter, was held in Triadelphia, and conducted by Prof. J. C. Henry, Superintendent of the Wheeling City Schools. There was a much larger attendance than we had anticipated, the number of teachers enrolled being forty-two, while the daily average attendance was twenty-five. Much interest was manifested by the teachers who were present, some wishing the session was longer. I am not sure, however, that this plan of holding Institutes is preferable to the old one. It seems to be bad policy to employ experts to conduct Institutes, and pay them $5 per day, while the teachers are not compelled to attend. While the attendance at this place was good, there were many of our resident teachers who were not present.

The dissatisfaction with the present system of appointing teachers seems to be universal. I have not conversed with a single individual, either patron, school officer or teacher, who is satisfied with the law as it now stands. The people, with one voice, say, give us the former system, that of the trustees of each sub-district employing the teacher for that sub-district.

I visited every school in the county once, some of them oftener, and found the teachers laboring with apparent earnestness and zeal.

I believe the reduction of superintendents' salaries and the non-requirement of visiting, to be a bad step. There will now be no one, whose special business it will be, to look after the management of the schools, and although the visits of County Superintendents were not productive of the good they might have been, yet they were some incentive to teacher and scholar to do their duty and show they were progressing. What we really wanted was still more supervision; we wanted a County Superintendent with more salary and more work and authority—a salary which would justify a better class of men in accepting the position and in giving their whole attention to the schools while they were in session.

TEACHERS AND GRADES OF THEIR CERTIFICATES.

J. C. Frazier	1	Meda White	1
R. M. Pogue	1	Mary L. English	1
Belle Warden	1	W. H. Curtis	2
S. J. Carroll	2	Brooks Hedges	1
Tillie R. Johnson	1	Wm. E. Hervey	2
Jennie Lidy	2	Annie M. Jeffry	2
Maggie A. Burkett	2	J. B. Atkinson	2
A. B. Eckhart	1	Jennie A. Scott	3
Chestine Wheeler	1	M. F. Rockey	1
A. B. Anderson	1	John C. Asbury	2
Martha A. Clark	1	George Buchanan	3
John McGee	2	J. W. Abercrombie	2
G. A. Kyle	1	Mollie W. Pryor	2
Wm. Goslin	1	Wm. R. Clark	1
W. C. Smith	1		

PENDLETON COUNTY—Wm. F. McQuain, *Sup't.*

(*No Written Report.*)

TEACHERS AND GRADES OF THEIR CERTIFICATES.

Mrs. M. H. Ward	3	J. W. Byrd	1
Jacob Sites	1	E. V. Blakemore	1
D. S. Cunningham	2	Isaac Davis,	4
Jacob E. Cook	3	L. M. Pope	2
S. W. Phares	1	J. S. Cunningham	3
Miss S. D. Jones	1	G. W. Davis	1
Miss Etta H. Johnson	1	M. K. Boggs	1
Miss Zaidie H. Simmons	2	J. J. Dunkle	1
Miss Z. T. Samuels	2	G. F. Wilson	3
Fred Mooman	1	A. J. Phares	1
H. D. Hiveley	2	W. M. Mayhew	2
J. F. Simmons	2	Joseph Sites	3
G. M. Vint	1	J. A. Harman	3
W. D. Colaw	2	W. A. Sites	3
H. F. Gilkeson	2	S. P. Dolly	3
G. W. Adamson	3	H. E. Colaw	3
John M. Jones	3	Wm. Breen	3
C. H. Coakley	3	S. P. Mauzy	3
N. W. Echard	2	O. P. Chew	2
J. F. Heatwell	4	Miss Bertie Maupin	3
D. A. Landes	2	M. Mauzy	2
J. W. Cook	2	S. W. Mullenax	1
Addison Harman	3	Wm. Blakemore	4
Miss M. J. Miller	4	J. H. Swoop	3
Miss Etta R. Wilson	1	T. H. Harrison	4
J. S. Bond	3	J. H. Hinkle	3
E. R. Carrichoff	1	Philip Nelson	2
J. P. Kiser	2	John Roubush	2
Levi Cunningham	3	I. W. Dice	5
J. P. Davis	2	J. F. Hivley	2
T. M. Jones	1	E. A. Samuels	2
G. W. Grady	2	A. F. Calhoun	1
J. D. Masters	1	G. M. Puffenbarger	3
A. A. Hahn	1	J. M. McQuain	3
Harmon Hiner	1	G. A. Eye	3

PLEASANTS COUNTY—A. W. Gorrell, *Sup't.*

(*No Written Report.*)

TEACHERS AND GRADES OF THEIR CERTIFICATES.

V. B. Little	1	D. W. Reynolds	1
L. A. Ellis	1	J. C. Noland	1
E. T. Fleming	1	B. F. McVay	1
A. E. Brown	1	Mary D. Copenhaven	1
G. G. Satterfield	1	Lizzie J. Dutton	1
Alex. C. Gorrell	1	Nannie Hall	1

Annie C Imlay	1	J. Wm. Gorrell	2
Ella Reynolds	1	Frank Barron	2
Ann M. Gorrell	1	Rufus Kester	2
Mantie Johnson	1	—— Dickson	2
Mary Gorrell	2	W. H. Hamilton	2
Jennie Maxwell	2	W. A. Campbell	2
Mattie Willson	2	F. E. Fleming	2
Eva Johnson	2	R. L. Patterson	2
Viola Johnson	2	P. W. Powell	2
Emma Edwards	2	L. H. Ellis	2
J. C. Edwards	2	J W. Johnson	2
Emma Noland	2	W. S. Sarber	2
Sina A. Locke	2	A. Corban	2
Mattie Lemley	2	E. B. Holland	2
A. E. Martin	2	Baxter McGregor	2
Mollie Ellis	2	M. T. Smith	3
Callie McGregor	2	C. W. Buckman	3
R. W. Rymer	2	Emma McCardell	3
Jay Brookes	2	Sarah McCardell	3
Retis Reynolds	2	Belle Ruttercutter	1

POCAHONTAS COUNTY—Samuel B. Hannah, *Sup't.*

I hereby submit my report for the scholastic year of 1878-9. I think the financial condition of the system is improving in my county—as you will see that all of the boards have a balance due them—I would suggest that the system remain as it is until the people give it a fair trial.

TEACHERS AND GRADES OF THEIR CERTIFICATES.

Lee A. Sullender	1	C. B. Grimes	2
Josiah Bird	1	C. L. Shutting	2
Brown Yeager	1	C. S. Wamsley	2
A. E. Sutton	1	J. K. B. Wooddell	1
Jno. Osborn	1	D. E. Sutton	2
W. F. Arbogast	1	J. H. Overholt	2
Amos Gallispie	2	Miss L. J. Wanless	2
C. O. Arbogast	2	Miss R. J. Anderson	3
Jno. C. Arbogast	2	C. J. Stulting	1
J. C. Kemper	2	Miss Nettie Stulting	2
Miss Lucy Clark	2	J. W. Snedegar	2
Miss Woodsie Warnick	2	Doctor W. Hill	3
Miss M. L. Ervin	2	D. A. Peck	3
Henry Hull	3	Rev. M. D. Dunlap	1
Oscar B. Sharp	3	J. N. Sharp	3
Jno. C. McGlauhlin	1	Miss Gradie Stulting	3
A. C. Cosby	1	Miss Sue Beard	1
Enoch Moore	1	Miss Ella Beard	1
Horace Lockridge	2	Miss Nannie Buckley	4
G. S. Weiford	2	Jno. S. Moore	1
Mrs. Cora Sharp	2	N. S. Bruffy	2
Aaron Rider	3	Eliza A. Grant, (col'd)	3
Mitchel Sharp	2	Wm. N. Evans, (col'd)	4
Miss Emma Warnick	1	Abey Armstrong, (col'd)	3
Montgomery Mathews	1	J. W. Renick, (col'd)	3
J. W. Bias	1	Miss Della Wanless	2
Miss S. Lockridge	2		

PRESTON COUNTY—P. R. Smith, *Sup't.*

In transmitting to you my second annual report, it is both gratifying to the patrons of the schools, as well as to myself, that I can report an increased efficiency of our teachers, who are showing a greater interest in their work than they ever have done heretofore. This increased efficiency has been brought about by our rigid examinations, the Institute element of the late amended school law, and

the work of the several normal schools taught in the county the two last years. Education is making general and permanent progress throughout the county.

During the school year just closed, a normal school was taught at Portland, by Prof. Fike, at which every facility was available for acquiring a complete primary education, together with all the branches taught in a complete academic course. Doubtless this was the most efficient school taught in the county for years. And from present indications denotes a permanent continuance. Its success is due in part to our rigid examination of teachers, the enterprise of its scholarly principal, and the citizens of the town of Portland who are patronizing this school very liberally. To omit mention of the labors of Prof. Hawthorne, who taught a normal school at Kingwood during the summer, with a fair attendance, would be injustice to him. Much credit is due to him for his effort to keep up a school in Kingwood, and for the industry and interest manifested to culture his pupils.

There has also been an increase of attendance of pupils at the district free schools during the last session of school, which is very gratifying to the friends of education. The sessions of the several Institutes held in the districts of the county doubtless had their effect to influence parents, causing them to send their children more regularly to school and arousing a deeper and more general interest in education and culture than had ever been felt before. If Teachers' Institutes have proved a failure in some of the counties of this State, their practical utility is visible in this. They certainly have been the means of mirroring to the teacher and parent the necessity of a broader and more permanent foundation, laid in the primary branches, and that success is only obtained by labor and culture. Five new school houses have been contracted for within the past school year, with the view of having them finished for school at the opening school session. Of these houses, two are being built in Portland, one in Reno and two in Valley Districts. Four of these, when finished, ready for school, will cost about $450 00 each. In the village of Masontown, Valley district, a very neat and convenient house is being built, with a view of appropriating one of the rooms to accommodate a normal school in connection with the district school when needed. Much credit is due to the enterprising people of this village for the interest taken to advance education in the district, and to furnish it with a suitable house for this purpose. This house is principally built by the enterprise of the neighborhood, the Board of Education appropriating about the same amount of funds to it that it had appropriated to the other houses of the district. Some time during last summer Lyon district, unfortunately, had one of its houses consumed by fire. The Board of Education, however, at once met in session and considered the propriety and necessity of rebuilding without delay, so as to have the loss repaired when the time for opening the schools would arrive.

In concluding this report, I embrace this opportunity of extending my thanks to the gentlemen who have been associated with me as members of the Board of Examiners, to whom I shall ever feel grateful for their aid, efficiency and willingness to advance the stand-

ard of scholarship of teachers employed in the free schools of the county. Much of the honor is due to these gentlemen, as well as to others, for the success that has attended our efforts during the past two years for the revival and interest now felt in educating the youth of the county.

TEACHERS AND GRADES OF THEIR CERTIFICATES.

William M. Emmery	2	Samuel M. Shaffer	2
Frank P. Burk	1	W. W. Graham	1
M. J. Fearer	1	H. C. Poston	1
T. Z. Cunningham	1	A. J Deberry	1
Joseph F. Scott	1	Vance Graham	2
W. M. Chidister	2	Mason Watson	1
J. G. Arnold	1	Evan King	1
Miss Sadie C. Smith	1	George B. Hill	2
I. W. Reckard	1	Alice Mattingly	1
M. A. Kessler	1	M. P. Snider	2
John Collier	2	Joseph J. Taylor	2
Randolph Protzman	3	Lucy A. Mattingly	1
John W. Yeast	2	Venia M. Potter	1
A. J Feather	2	Milford Poll	2
William M. Collier	2	J. M. Nugent	1
A. R. Fearer	2	Miss Sadie C. Liston	2
William Spiker	3	E. C. Ravenscraft	1
J. C. Michael	2	A. W. Coburn	1
Miss Laura McGrew	1	A. W. Snider	1
J. W. M. Guseman	3	Marshal Wolfe	2
Smith Hill	1	J. F. Field	2
Miss Amanda Harshberger	1	C. W Foreman	2
Robert McClellan	1	J. A. Lenhart	2
A. W. Frederick	1	H. D. Savage	2
Miss Alice Guthrie	2	G. C. Shaw	1
Andrew S. Teats	2	J. D. Elliott	1
Ezra Elsey	1	Miss Mattie Stuck	2
Benjamin F. Wolfe	2	I. F. Rodeheaver	2
A. L. Fike	1	Miss Ruth J. Elsey	2
Eli Albright	2	Miss Mary Farrell	1
Miss Maggie Wardwell	1	T. W. Chidester	2
William A. Wolf	2	Parley Deberry	1
Jacob E. Gaddis	1	J. D. Eichelberger	2
William B. Freeland	2	S. T. Ringer	3
N. D. Adams	1	David Wright	3
J. H. Cuppet	2	Lillie Elliott	1
H. S. Shafer	2	Isaac P. Martin	2
John B. Cunningham	2	Annie Klauser	1
Elias Stelton	2	A. A. Menear	1
J. M. Loughridge	2	Joseph Beatty	2
A. Jasper Shahan	2	Samuel R. Guseman	2
Z. Frank Shahan	2	Miss Susan Cassaday	2
L. W. Zinn	2	Judson Jenkins	2
James E. Michael	2	D. R. Ford	1
W. J. Scott	2	M. L Nine	2
D. W. West	1	Joseph C. Hooton	1
Miss Felicia Harshberger	2	P Coniff	1
Ezra W. Zinn	1	Miss Alice Bayles	1
Miss Bell Daley	2	Miss Mary Cassaday	3
M. F. Powell	1	H. L. Gillis	1
Miss Alberta Glenn	2	Miss Clara Elsey	2
George Herring	1	Miss A. J. Shadan	1
Margery Feather	2	Morgan Shay	2

PUTNAM COUNTY—ADDISON WOLFE, *Sup't.*

I have the honor herewith to forward my second annual report of the condition of the free schools of Putnam County. I am pleased to be able to say that the schools of Putnam County seem to be in a prosperous condition, and that the teachers are improving themselves and are becoming better qualified for the discharge of their respective duties. The attendance at the public schools of the county is on the increase, and all parties seem to be alive to the cause of education. The Teachers' Institutes in the county have proved a success; the

teachers have met together and have had a mutual exchange of ideas, and have given different modes of instruction in the branches taught in the common schools, which is of great benefit to our young and inexperienced teachers. In visiting the schools in this county, I found many of the teachers conducting their schools admirably and doing a good work, and were receiving the hearty co-operation of parents and teachers.

TEACHERS AND GRADES OF THEIR CERTIFICATES.

G. E. Ross	1	J. E. Hoffman	2
John R. Banks, (col'd)	3	C. M. Farrar	1
E. A. Henderson	2	P. A. Smith	2
J. F. Hall	2	C. M. Smith	2
J. H. Shank	2	Miss H. E. Horne	2
Veto Farrer	2	Miss S. J. Jones	1
J. T. Lanham	2	G. H. Bonnett	2
J. P. Smith	2	W. F. Bonnett	2
H. F. Henson	2	H. M. Sovine	2
T. D. Honaker	1	Miss Carrie Hughart	2
F. M. Sovine	2	S. V. Hartley	1
J. C. Capehart	2	S. E. Hartley	1
W. A. Painter	2	Miss Fannie Sisson	2
S. M. Lanham	1	Miss L. M. Clark	1
E. H. Tucker	1	Miss K. H. Hoge	2
Mrs. M. E. Tucker	1	J. M. Killy	1
Miss M. J. Cooper	2	W. E Herndon	2
G. B. Davis	2	W. R. Wilson, (col'd)	3
J. M. Kimberling	1	V. A. Lewis	1
R. H. Dearborff	1	S. J. Kane	1
Miss M. E. Cotte	2	Miss Annie V. Brown	1
Oscar Chapman	2	Miss Mary Washingcon, (col'd)	4
Miss W. J. Hawley	1	C. A. Jividen	2
C. M. Cotte	2	J. C. Thomas	1
Miss J. J Hawley	1	Miss Lorina Gibbons, (col'd)	2
A. A. Hawley	1	M. F. Conner	1
Lycurgus Hawley	2	Isaac Hedrick	2
C. E. West	2	Miss G. B. Blake	2
B. F. Windle	2	Miss M. F. Johnson	2
T. I. C. Parsons	1	Miss E. J. Allan	2
Jasper Casto	2	Miss S. E. Scott	1
J. S. Davis	2	M. E. Womeldorff	2
G. W. Parsons	2	D R. Womeldorf	2
B. F. Moore	2	Mrs. Annie Brown	2
M. M. Parsons	2	C. W. Middleton	2
Wm. Starcher	2	J. N. Henson	2
J. R. Shark	1	R. W. Sovine	2
A. C. Blair	1	Miss Lizzie Mathews	3
J. M. Henson	2	J. J. Coy	2
Amos Coulter	1	Miss Jennie Hutton	1
J. H. Coulter	1	H. F. Henderson	2
S. D. McCormick	2	J. R. Hoffman	2
A. L. Coulter	2	J. W. Hedrick	2
J. T. Womendorff	2	W. R. Blair	2
W. A. W. Nicholas	1	Miss M. A. Taylor	3
J. T. Morris	3	W. A. Wise	2
J. A. Fowlkes	2	W. M. Cooper	2
W. B. Fowlkes	2	Miss S. J. Kennody	2
Miss L. E. Buffington	2	Mrs. Cora Fisher	2
S. W. Chapman	2	Miss Nannie Dudding	2
G. W. Campbell	2	Miss Belle Huttons	1
L. P. Proffitt	1	J. L. Bushong	1
J. H. Kumison	1	Miss Emma Gary	2
A. J. Loyd	1	R. G. Withrow	3
A. P. Thomas	1	E. C Kinnison	2
D. H. Thomas	1	G. T. Anderson	1
Miss Bettie Reynolds	2	J. M. Parsons	2
C. H. Campbell	2	J. W. King	2

RALEIGH COUNTY—Geo. W. Cook, *Sup't.*

This county is divided into seven school districts with an aggregate of sixty-six houses and seventy schools. We are gratified to report favorably in regard to the progress of education in this county.

The districts are tolerably well supplied with houses, and the teachers have made quite an improvement in the mode of teaching. In the past we have hired a number of teachers from other counties, but we are now able to fill our schools with home teachers. The sheriff has paid a greater amount of orders this year, than in any previous year, and the districts have a balance on hand. One house was burned in Shady Spring District; the work of an incendiary. The average daily attendance is by no means what it should be, but we have no remedy to suggest. The County Institute held at Raleigh Court House, and conducted by Prof. J. L. Smith was a success. Teachers manifested quite an interest, and the attendance was good. The professional gentlemen of the town took a part, giving lectures at the night exercises. The reason why there were only fifty-four certificates granted by the County Board of Examiners, is that Prof. Kenney, who conducted the Peaboby Institute at Raleigh Court House last year, granted certificates to teachers who attended said Institute, and the Boards of Education accepted them as certificates of qualifications to teachers.

TEACHERS AND GRADES OF THEIR CERTIFICATES.

J. N Parker	2	R. W. Tench	2
Thaddeus Scott	2	Paulina McGinnis	4
S. A. Parker	3	Rhoda E. Meador	3
Allen Williams	4	Lewis Hunter	3
M. E. Vass	2	Anderson Stover	2
Dauglass Scott	4	Alexander Watts	2
Emily F. Prince	2	T. J. Callaway	2
Celestra B. Davis	2	A. C. Williams	2
Sarah Godbey	3	J. W. Lilly	3
A. C. Godbey	3	A. J. Hutchinson	3
A. W. Hawley	2	H. L. Wriston	2
R. W. Lilly	4	G. G. Thompson	2
German Clay	4	William G. Callaway	2
Martha Furrow	3	William M. Meador	2
Paul A. Lester	3	Minnie Hull	3
C. J. Manning	2	C. W. Reed	3
H. A. Brown	1	D. F. Hale	1
S. T. Henderson	3	J. S. McCarthy	2
A. W. Mankin	3	P. W. Massie	3
Joseph Stover	3	Joseph W. Maynor	3
Sanford Stover	4	Daniel Hollandsworth	3
Oliver Stover	3	R. W. Clark	2
T. C. Miller	3	H. M. Wills	2
James F. Webb	3	G. A. Wills	3
William P. Mankin	2	E. W. Reynolds	3
John F. Jones	2	Elam Scarbrough	3
C. P. Stover	2	A. J. Williams	3

RANDOLPH COUNTY—Alonzo F. Wilmoth, *Sup't.*

Herewith I submit the annual report of the condition of common schools in the county, for the school year ending August 31, 1879.

Owing to the many errors in the reports of the secretaries, I have had a good deal of trouble with my report, and for this reason I am late in forwarding it. I believe that this report is now very nearly correct and complete.

The past school year has been one of average success at least. The school work has been *unusually* satisfactory.

Each sub-district in the county has held a school of nearly four months.

The teaching material of this county has been grealy improved within the last few years. This is the result, in a great measure, of Institutes.

Our people are becoming more firmly attached to the Free Schools. The enemies of the system put forth their best efforts against it at the last election, but there was only a very small vote against the levy.

TEACHERS AND GRADES OF THEIR CERTIFICATES.

J. B. Canfield	1	J. H. Fitzwater	Normal Diploma
D. B. Curtis	1	Miss F. M. Butcher	" "
J. J. Furguson	1	O. A. P. Lewis	Member Board of Examiners
B. W. Taylor	1	M. F. Riggleman	3
W. S. Strader	1	P. C. Webley	3
J. H. U. Butcher	2	Rascom Warner	3
J. L. Bosworth	2	A. S. Bosworth	3
Geo. A. Burner	2	A. M. Bradley	3
Miss Maud Chenowith	2	C. S. Channell	3
L. D. Caplinger	2	John T. Durken	3
T. C. Curtis	2	Miss Alice Hanline	3
Miss S. A. Channell	2	Miss Jennie Lee	3
Miss M. A. Dukin	2	Miss Angelia Scott	3
J. B. Lille	2	T. H. Schoonover	3
Miss Nora Moore	2	Arnold Wilmoth	3
F. P. Madden	2	Sylvester Wilmoth	3
C. H. Rice	2	P. M. Hart	3
Miss L. Bradley	2	J. Tyler	3
M. E. Lawson	2	Miss Flora Channell	4
C. N. Russell	2	T. L. Daniels	4
A. Q. Gilmore	2	James Moyle	4
Colombus Wamsley	2	Martin Madden	4
A. S. Bosworth	3	W. T. Simmons	4
Joseph Bartell	3	W. H. Bosely	4
Arthur Bradley	3	T. L. Danniels	4
Miss Teresa Cain	3	J. A. Hillyard	4
W. P. Madden	3	John Moyle	4
Miss Angelia Scott	3	Peter Madden	4
E. R. Skidmore	3	Lacy Poling	4
H. L. Nestor	Normal Diploma	W. T. Simmons	4
C. H. Scott	" "	H. L. Stalnaker	4
J. L. Wamsley	" "	James P. Morgan	5

RITCHIE COUNTY—G. W. Lowther, *Sup't.*

(*No Written Report*)

TEACHERS AND GRADES OF THEIR CERTIFICATES.

J. M. McKenney	1	Mary Iams	2
H. S. Dotts	1	Emma Bartlette	2
D. N. Meredith	1	Addie Lowther	2
Wm. L. Hays	1	O. J. Northcrart	2
J. V. Dotts	1	Lloyd Whaley	2
J. E. Cross	1	C. E. Haddox	2
A Thrash	1	Baxter McGregor	2
J. H. Lininger	1	A. M. Wade	2
G. A. Woofter	1	T. W. Ireland	2
Zora Cannon	1	M. H. Willis	2
Delia Sprague	1	D. B. Cunningham	2
Lizzie Basim	1	W. B. McGregor	2
R. E. Fast	1	C. Letoriure	2
R. H. Martin	1	P. W. Bruffey	2
S. P. Curnet	1	P. C. Snodgrass	2
C. N. Snodgrass	2	M. C. Hall	2
G. A. Corbin	2	G. S. Heuff	2
L. P. Burnington	2	Sallie A. Lowther	2
Wm. L Miller	2	Alice Reed	2
C. B. Scott	2	Viola Reed	2
Jocob Cokely	2	Emma McCollun	2
J. F. Griffin	2	Jennie Wishart	2
W. E. Lough	2	Lizzie Wishart	2
J. G. Lowther	2	Alice Ayers	2
Dora Heaton	2	Lucy Kercheval	2

Hettie Gleen	2	T. T. McDougal	3
John Clark	2	Maggie Beer	3
Mattie Morris	2	Bessie Corbin	3
D. A. McGinnis	3	Allice Tavener	3
Thomas McMullen	3	Kate Peirpoint	3
Johu O. Linch	3	Mary McGinnis	2
Ella Rymer	3	Melcena McGinnis	3
Callie McGregor	3	J. C. Roby	3
Kate Douglass	3	P. L. Tansey	3
Emma Horner	3	T. M. Murphy	2
Maggie Wolf	4	W. M. Cooper	3
I. B. Lambert	3	F. J. Ehret	3
C. J. Glover	3	Ades Zearly	2
D. V. Bayne	3	J. M. Strahin	2
M. L. Law	3	Lewis D. Garrison	3
G. M. Wigner	3	S. L. Lowther	4
William J. Linch	3	I. N. Cokely	4
Elbert Cooper	3		

ROANE COUNTY—P. C VINYARD, *Sup't.*

Roane county has eight districst, Center, Harper, Geary, Smithfield, Spencer, Spencer Independent, Reedy and Walton, and they are subdivided as follows: Curtis 9; Harper 11; Geary 10; Smithfield 12; Spencer 16; Spencer Independent 1; Reedy 11; and Walton 13. Curtis district has two frame and six log houses. Those of the log are poor, in a manner worthless buildings, rude and imperfectly seated; with furniture and apparatus of little value. The frame are good and well furnished with furniture and apparatus.

Harper district has eleven very poorly constructed log houses, badly furnished; and in fact uncomfortable. The value of these houses as given in the statistical report is far beyond the real value. Geary district has five frame school houses which are well enough furnished to be comfortable, and has six log houses which were poorly constructed and indifferently supplied with furniture and apparatus, and the statistical report shows that too much has been paid for their construction.

Smithfield district has twelve school houses, six frame and six log; as a general thing the frames are good buildings with superior workmanship, well seated and good apparatus, and the log houses are rude and different, and the accommodations are bad for the purpose intended. Though the schools are in a prosperous condition through the efforts of the district board in securing No. 1 teachers.

Spencer district has five frame and eleven log houses. The frames are good houses and well furnished, the logs are poorly seated, open and generally unfit for winter schools.

Spencer Independent district has one frame house with two rooms; tolerably well furnished with desks and apparatus, it had an addition of one room built this year, cost, $257.00.

Reedy district has eleven school houses, eight frame and three log. The frames are poor houses for the price of each, seats are long and unhandy for the school room, the apparatus is comparatively worthless. These houses were built at an enormous cost which involved the district so that the building fund has been a burden to the taxpayers. The three log houses are of little value but afford tolerable accommodations for schools.

Walton district has thirteen school houses, five frame and eight log. The frames are good houses well supplied with seats and toler-

ably good apparatus. The log houses like those of the other districts, are open, uncomfortable, badly seated and much in need of repairs, and worthless in comparison to the statistical report. Had the Boards of Education and County Superintendent looked to the importance of securing good houses well furnished from the beginning, and only building the number the district was able to pay for each year, our county would now have good houses and the building tax would not be such a burden to the taxpayer. *I made it a rule to never approve a specification, unless it called for a good house well seated and furnished and to be put up in good workmanlike order, if not I would write the necessary corrections to make it one.* Hence the eleven new houses built during my term of office are decidedly superior to any others of the county.

As a general thing our schools are *steadily progressing*, as long as we can secure good and efficient teachers they will continue so ; but if the Boards keep reducing the salaries of first-class teachers they will leave the profession and our schools will be taught by *worthless* and *incompetent* instructors.

We have many active and earnest teachers who have qualified themselves for the school work, and desire its uninterrupted progress, while we have *others* that care nothing for the cause, seek no improvement, remain a source of annoyance and interruption to the general working of the system. I claim it will never be a success until the No. 1 teacher has a salary of not less than $40 per month, and the Examining Board raise the *standard of examination* to what a really No. 1 scholar should be.

Our institute, conducted by Prof. D. W. Shields, was a success. Our teachers took an active part and went away much benefited for the work of the coming year.

I here submit my last annual report of schools of this county. I do not and cannot claim it to be correct in every instance, but it is as nearly so as can be obtained from the material furnished, as some of the Secretaries' reports were so imperfect that I could not tell but very little about them. The financial report of Geary District is incorrect, and the number of youth entitled to attend school were not reported, and I having turned over the enumerations could not report it.

While the free school system has a wide and popular hold on the masses, there are many who are utterly opposed to it, and thus there are a few of the aristocratic and the basely ignorant who vote against the levy.

TEACHERS AND GRADES OF THEIR CERTIFICATES.

Arrena Tyson	2	C. A. Dawson	3
J. A. A. Vandale	1	M. F. Simmons	2
A. Seargent	3	C. C. Steward	2
L. D. Starkey	1	Sophia Springstone	2
Wm. Lewellen	1	M. F. Arnold	2
Wm. Stark	2	Elliotte Wolfe	1
Belle Springstone	2	Mrs. Evans	2
Sally Springstone	2	I. N. Board	1
M. T. Lewellen	1	Edward Corder	1
C. H. Hall	1	S. B. Laman	1
J. R. Shock	2	H. B. Seaman	2
H Cofer	1	W. Stutler	2
Virginia Riddle	1	L. H. Burke	1
Virginia Flesher	3	N. B. Hoff	2

Myrtie Armstrong	2	J. H. Hughes	1
Louisa Thorn	2	T. W. Hughes	2
L. J. Cottle	1	J. C Lowe	1
W. T. Vernon	2	M. W. Ryan	3
J. B. Stutler	3	W. W. Hammack	2
Lizzie Gordon	2	Meredith Hammack	2
W. P. Woodell	2	J. L. Hopkins	3
W. H. Bishop	3	I. F Conley	2
J. P. Short	2	J. W. Lawman	2
M. M. Parsons	2	F. J. Pelton	2
C. Whitead	1	Miss A. C. Riley	2
W. Hobbs	1	J. B. Smith	2
P. Radabaugh	3	Lewis Peters	1
W. Lattimore	3	D. W. Riep	1
W. P. Elliotte	2	C. L. Broadass	1
J. K. Jones	1	Henry Smith	1
J. J. Riley	1	Martha Ferrell	2
J. L. Henold	1	C. Vaneavender	1
Leah Swearingen	1	J. N. Ross	1
J. E. Hunt	2	L. P. Ross	1
C. Hunt	2	J. G. Fugate	1
C. Fleshman	2	B. Cook	2
Mr. Cox	1	W. B. Casper	3
W. E Ryan	2	S V. Casper	2
J. W. Ball	2	J. C. Hull	1
J. H. Hunt	1	J. Young	2
J. Groves	3	W. W. Ogden	2
D. Upton	2		

SUMMERS COUNTY—D. G. LILLY, *Sup't.*

This being the third annual report that I have had the honor of transmitting, you will see that we are here emerging from debt about as fast as could be expected when "ground between the upper and nether mill stone" of an unequal tax law that keeps the schools on less than the legal minimum of time, and the teachers on starvation wages, and an incompetent and neglectful ex-sheriff who never settled with a board of education during the six years of his administration. You will also see that no exact account has been kept so far as the apportionment of the funds for the colored youth; secretaries generally reporting the amount *actually expended* as an approximate; but I have been thinking it best to let the matter rest as it is until we get rid of these old debts. Still more gradually is the professional standard of our teachers improving, the number of those who refuse to go to school in their vacations, or even to attend Institutes, or take an educational journal, still being larger.

We had a County Institute of four days, from the 14th to the 17th of October last, and as many of the schools would run but three months, it was agreed to hold the rest of the Institute by districts. A series of resolutions concerning certain radical defects in the school law, passed unanimously at the close of the session and ordered to be published in the West Virginia *Educational Journal*, having failed of such publication by reason of the discontinuance of said journal, the author, Prof. Preston Rives Sherrard, took them to the State Association; but on his return he reported that two of the professors managed to bring about an adjournment half a day earlier than the time allotted, which he strongly suspected to be a filibustering trick on the part of those gentlemen—not the Association as a body—to keep out a discussion of the subject. It becoming therefore my duty as official guardian of the educational interests of the county, too see that the sentiments of such of our teachers as have some consideration for the

cause of progress shall be heard, I subjoin said resolutions to be published at the end of this report.

It is the firm conviction of all friends of the free school system, as far as my knowledge extends, that to put the existence of a school at the end of every month, or of all the schools in the State at least every other year, in peril at the hands of examiners, is a palpable and flagrant violation of section 1, article 12 of the Constitution—for what system can be *efficient* with its very existence in danger? All that voted for the thirty-five per cent law, thereby branded themselves as enemies of the teachers; for as the law already provided for the dismissal of a teacher for any just cause, that clause could have no other possible design than to have teachers dismissed *without a cause.* Many an instance is recorded of schools being broken up in that way because the teachers kept good order, or required the pupils to pronounce correctly or to rightly understand their lessons: in a word such a law deprives the teacher not only of authority but even of legal protection, putting him under the control of idle and refractory children, or of parents who are opposed to education or have some private grudge against the teacher.

Again as §1, art. 10, states that "taxation shall be equal and uniform throughout the State," so the compromise clauses in §9, and §5, article 12, clearly refer to strictly local matters, such as extended terms or High Schools. The late session of the Legislature, though giving us one very salutary check to that enormous extortion in the matter of school books under which our people had been groaning for so long, seemed to be otherwise occupied in rather crippling than improving the system; thus teachers are now forbidden to act as secretaries, when it is a notorious fact that in many districts professional teachers are the only persons qualified for the business. As to this virtually killing both Normal Schools and Institutes by withholding the appropriations from the former and taking away all penalty for non-attendance on the latter, thus seriously abridging such means, however week and insufficient as we had for training our teachers; I would propose that your old proposition for twenty day institutes be adopted as a part of the law but have one in every county and make attendance obligatory.

The following is the resolutions heretofore referred to:

Whereas, the Constitution of our State requires an efficient system of public schools; and

Whereas, our successive Legislatures have engrafted into our school law certain clauses that make the system very unequal and consequently defective,

Resolved, That the State levy which at the small figure of one mill to the dollar fails to fulfill the requirements of the law, of guaranteeing four months' schools to the poorer districts, should be doubled.

Resolved, That the submitting of the district levy to a vote of the people, thus putting the very existence of the schools to the mercy of popular caprice, should be unconditionally abolished.

Resolved, That with ample provisions already in the law for dismissing a teacher for any just cause, the provision requiring a percentage of attendance was entirely uncalled for and should be repealed.

TEACHERS AND GRADES OF THEIR CERTIFICATES.

C. H. Graham	1	Miss S. C. Dickerson	1
Geo. W. Lilly	1	W. M. Jones	2
Jonathan Felix Lilly	2	A. G. Pendleton Farley	1
Jas. H. Haynes	1	Wm. Houchins, jr	1
H. Zachariah Martin	1	A. A. Allen	1
J. H. Jordan	2	David Newton Ellis	2
A. P. Farley	2	John H. Maddy	2
Valerius Victor	1	Miss Martha Lis Garven Ellison	3
Wm. L. Commack	1	W. J. Foster	2
W. W. Coleman	2	L. L. Chambers Philomath	1
Wm. J. Kirk	1	J. G. Meader	1
Chas. Allen Clark	1	F. H. Brown, col'd	3
Miss Mary B. Miller	1	John W. Harvey	2
Peter L. Alderson	1	Wm. Robert Neely	2
John P. Maddy	1	L. C. Harvey	2
G. A. Miller	2	Robert Commack	2
Wm. L. Richman	2	Miss N. S. Hale	3
Chas. L. Miller	2	S. H. Hartwell	2
W. A. Lowe	1	Chas. V. Ashworth	1
J. E. Harvey	1	P. B. Patton	2
George Wm. Leftwitch	2	Miss Anna A. Hoy	1
Albert E. Cotton	1	T. S. Webb	1
Thomas John Cotton	2	Jos. N. Parker	1
Miss Mary Martha Foster	3	W. Henry Manser	1
Miss M. M. Pine	2	Miss Emma M. Pack	1
J. Jas. Meader jr	2	H. F. Kesler	1
J. A. Lilly	4	Christopher H. Payne, col'd	1
Wm. Miller Dequasie	3	G. B Scott	1
Omer P. Light	1	J. W. Wiseman	2
Floyd S. Ayres	3	Robert E. Riddle, col'd	2

TAYLOR COUNTY—Horace Noyes, *Sup't.*

In closing this my report to State Department it is a pleasure to be able to remark that our schools have improved greatly in the few past years. More interest is manifested by parents than formerly, greater desire for school accommodations both as to ease of access and convenience of houses. And much of this has been gained by a rigid course of examination of teachers raising the standard for a first grade something near to what was designed by the framers of the law. This has disappointed some applicants but has been of great service to the schools and should this requirement be pursued in the future our schools will soon compare favorably with any in the State or States. We have as good native intellect as can be found and only needs cultivation to give to our State its true position in the family of States.

The wise men at Wheeling last winter gave a check to the advancement of teachers by withholding the appropriation to Normal Schools, which I fear will take a long time to overcome. Until we have more high schools, colleges and academies, it is to the Normal School we must look for the supply of teachers, but we will hope for the best.

TEACHERS AND GRADES OF THEIR CERTIFICATES.

R. W. W. Tapp	2	H. C. Davis	1
W. H. Hart	2	James Cochran	2
Miss S. A. Coplin	2	G. L. Hertzog	2
J. W. Selvey	2	H. G. Newbragh	3
J. G. Patton	3	M. J. Jacob	2
J. G. Senclair	1	T. J. Keener	3
G. L. Carder	3	N. W. Newbragh	2
J. A. Russell	3	Jefferson Martin	2
Mrs. M. J. Harstock	5	J. Findley	2
J. D. Frum	2	L. M. Laffollette	1
L. D. Frum	3	R. A. Morrow	1
Howard Cather	1	Walker Bailey	2

Mrs. M. J. Grove	1	T. W. Poe	1
W. H. Thomas	2	Miss Augusta Sensil	1
Miss A. Cochran	2	Miss G. M. Steel	2
Mrs. M. M. Love	2	E. C. Demoss	3
Miss Nellie Core	1	G. M. Miller	2
Miss Nola Core	1	G. W. Poe	2
Willis Palmer	1	J. P. Murphy	1
James M. Gowan	2	Mrs. Augusta Bainbridge	2
W. H. McDaniels	2	T. B. Ayer	2
Isaac Thomas	3	Miss L. H. Martin	2
T. A. Bainbridge	2		

TUCKER COUNTY—L. S. Auvil, *Sup't.*

I herewith submit my second annual report of the condition of the free schools of Tucker county. And in so doing, cannot say as much of the success of our schools as I would like. Nevertheless, taking everything in consideration, we may congratulate ourselves upon the advancement made in education. The people of this county are in a great measure more endeared to our free schools, and are working for the advancement of knowledge, levying for school and building; going ahead building school houses. We have just completed three new houses and have some others under contract. Yet there is a drawback in one of the districts of this county. The people of that (Dry-fork) district have voted the levy down. This is the second time. Perhaps the only reason for this is, they do not want their children to become educated for fear they will be wiser than their parents and guardians. I do not know that this is the case, but it does look reasonable from the fact that that the district possesses $150,000.00 worth of property; and a levy of eight cents would run their schools four months, and the great majority of this would come from non-residents. I have urged upon the district to support their levy, but to no purpose. All seems to be vain. Yet I think the schools in the other four districts will compare very favorably with those of adjoining counties, and look for grander results. We have now nearly enough resident teachers to teach our schools; whereas, when this system began, we did not have any, all our teachers were non-residents. This encourages us to work even under adverse circumstances and labor on, knowing our labors will be eventually crowned with success. Our teachers seemed to take a great interest in our Institute, though few in number. Yet we may safely say, it was a sweep, and think the change made by the last Legislature a very wise one, especially the time for holding.

TEACHERS AND GRADES OF THEIR CERTIFICATES.

Isaac Hetrie	2	G. W. Stalnaker	2
S. C. Baker	2	Miss A. E. Fansher	1
G. N. Day	2	Miss M. A. Guthrie	1
L. E. Goff	2	Mrs. M. M. Closs	3
Wesley Bennette	2	J. C. S. Bell	2
G. W. Shaffer	2	F. C. Bradshaw	2
James S. Poling	2	I. A. Swisher	1
J. P. Auvil	2	G. Ferguson	3
J. N. Huffman	3	J. B. Lambert	2
J. D. Stalnaker	3	M. L. White	1
R. K. Philips	3	G. W. Shirk	2
J. W. Moore	2	Miss Lizzie Purkey	2
J. M. Shaffer	1	Miss Agnes Gilmore	2
S F. Hunt	4	Douglas A. Hooton	1
C. L. Watson	3	Miss A. F. Bowman	2
J. H. Snyder	2	Mis S. V. Meston	2
D. W. Wright	3		

TYLER COUNTY—T. N. PARKS, *Sup't.*

In making my fifth annual report of the condition of the free schools of Tyler county for the school year ending August 31st, 1879, I beg leave to submit the following remarks:

SCHOOLS.

The county is divided for school purposes into sixty-six sub-districts, with one school to each. If the county was so situated and populated that these sub-districts could be of nearly uniform size and population, this would be enough to afford full advantages of an education to all; but with the county traversed as it is with streams and hills, and the constant increase of population in the more thinly inhabited sections, some changes yet are demanded. These we have reason to believe will be made in the early future. The schools were all taught for a uniform term of four months.

TEACHERS.

During the year for which we report, there were employed in the county seventy teachers, of whom sixty-four were residents, and six were from Ohio. As a class the teachers of this county are well qualified to teach, being both well educated and possessing good morals; but there are a few who should be better educated, with about an equal number who were never born for, nor never should have been educated for teachers. Happily this class is limited.

A very commendable change has taken place in the public mind of late years. The people no longer recognize their ideal teacher in the inferior scholar, but demand that he be educated. It is much easier for a first-class teacher, than a second or third rate one to secure a school in this county.

THE TEACHERS' INSTITUTES

that have been held in this county during the last few years, have done much to elevate the schools and school work. Prof. Z. G. Bundy conducted a Peabody Institute in this county in the summer of 1877, for two weeks; and Prof. J. F. Snowden one for one week in 1878. Both were well conducted, and the instruction given in each was replete with useful knowledge to teachers and educators. Besides, our regular County Institutes have been well attended, and I think have resulted in much and lasting good to the profession of teaching. While the law for Institutes, as passed in 1877, went too far to meet the demands of the masses of our people, I fear the present law is not all that could be desired.

THE GRADUATING SYSTEM

as applied to public schools, has done much to improve their general character in this county. At the graduating exercises held at the close of the schools this year, fifty-seven presented themselves for examination and graduation in the full free school course of study. It is a source of regret to all lovers of our schools, that the law is so amended that the County Superintendent hereafter cannot visit the

schools, and thus assist in this work. It will be very hard to carry out this system under the present law.

In conclusion allow me to say, that during the several years of my intimate and official connection with school work, I have watched with interest and pride the advancement of the schools of my county, as well as those of the State, and have an abiding faith in their continuance and prosperity. What we need is good laws, and then for the Legislature to let them alone. There is too much truth in the charge that every rising demagogue who wishes to go to the Legislature, wages a war against the school law, that he may gain votes, and when he goes he makes more changes than improvements. The people of Tyler county are justly proud of their schools. They compare well and favorably with any in the State, and in severing my official connection with them, my wish is that their progress may never be retarded, and that their usefulness may increase with the coming years.

TEACHERS AND GRADES OF THEIR CERTIFICATES.

G W. Loveall	1	G. W. McBride	1
I. D. Smith	2	J. W. Britton	1
A. P. Garner	2	Miss Cena Horton	2
Thos. Greenbank	1	*Miss Florence Hardman	2
*Rufus Ullum	3	L. F. Davis	1
John Stathers	2	H. D. Morris	1
*John D. Sweeney	3	A. N. Fordyce	1
*H. M. Conner	2	Joseph Ankrum	1
W. G. Smith	1	L. J. Corbley	2
R. S. Taggart	1	M. K. Dulty	3
W. A Smith	1	W. S. Smith	1
Geo. W. Underwood	3	R. Atherton	1
Louis B. Hill	2	W. R. Harman	2
E. McTracy	3	Miss C. C. Bowser	2
A. Weekly	3	Miss F. T. Bottenfield	1
Miss Frank Smith	1	L. C. McWilliams	1
J. B. Haught	3	Miss L. M. Vansant	2
Joseph Williams	1	*J. W. Buckhanon	2
Miss M. W. Morrison	1	*James Dundas	3
R. Atherton	4	M. W. Burgess	2
*S. M. Strum	3	James Eddy	2
D. A. Lowther	1	George Wade	2
D. F. Hissom	1	*Ira C. Moore	3
Isaac Barker	2	*Mary Stewart	2
P. K. Wilcox	2	Miss Anna E. Martin	2
John Boohor	4	Robert Smith	3
*S. B. Allen	3	E. E. Sayles	1
*James Cox	3	R. B. Eddell	3
S. P. Gebhart	2	C. B. Owens	2
S. H. Bell	1	Sam Fordyce	2
Miss N. C Loveall	2	Peter B. Lowry	1
Walds Broadwater	2	Miss Mary Williams	3
J. N. Bell	2	C. J. Garlow	2
*Ira C Moore	4	Miss R. H. Burnett	2
G. W. Barker	2	A. B. Wilson	State Certificate.
*Miss Edith Stealey	2	Lee C. Sayler	" "
Miss Belle Prichard	2	J. C. Warner	" "
Joseph E. Morgan	2	J. W. Chesney	Normal Diploma.
G. D. Smith	2	O. J. Moore	" "
*C. J. Allen	4	Miss E. L. Murphy	" "
I. L. Fordyce	1	Miss Gussie Sweringen	" "
W. R. McIntyre	2	Miss L. V. Joseph	" "
J. N. McIntyre	3		

Those marked thus * did not teach in the county.

UPSHUR COUNTY—J. S. REGER, *Sup't.*

(*No Written Report.*)

TEACHERS AND GRADES OF THEIR CERTIFICATES.

E. A. Hamner	2	Mintie Clark	2
C. A. Dunnington	2	Geo. M. Curtis	3
C. N. Queen	1	Geo. E. Bosely	3
I. W. Kidd	1	Rhoda E Gould	1
L. D. Gould	2	George W. Beer	1
T. H. Hawkins	2	Rosa McAvoy	3
L. P. Brooks	2	A. J. Marple	2
G. D. Westfall	2	F. P. Sexton	1
G. C. Allman	1	V. T. Taylor	1
G. A. Helmick	3	D. N. Armstrong	2
J. V. Tenney	1	A. W. Tenney	2
G. L. Hawkins	2	Flora A. Moore	3
O. A. Mosby	3	S. W. McCann	3
John Hughes, (col'd)	4	J. P. Kelley	2
N. J. Strader	3	Mollie E. Gould	2
O. W. Bunner	2	Virginia Maker	3
Ira L. Eurit	3	C. A. Dunnington	1
Samuel Reese	4	Laura T. Gould	2
G. W. Daniels	2	A. C. Linger	3
Ida M Moore	3	R. A. Armstrong	2
Mita Balsley	3	G. B. Brown	3
G. W. Eskew	3	W. T. Napier	2
R. A. Darnall	1	L. P. Brooks	1
J. C. Reese	2	Celia Morgan	2
J. R. Mathers	1	P. D. Hannah	2
I. D. Neely	3	Mollie Young	3
G. H. Anderson	2	Tamma Gawthrop	2
A. W. Tenney	3	Alice Hanline	4
David Poe	3	Jerusha Cutright	2
Jerusha Cartright	4	Cordelia Raikes	3
W. H. Woodley	3	Ada M Burr	1
W. H. Queen	1	Emmie Perry	3
J. H. Ours	3	T. Houghton	3
A. G. Musgrave	3	W. T. Napier	1
A. J. Hathaway	3	Eugene Brown	2
C. L. Rohrbough	1	George R. Latham	1
Paris Lewis	2	M. Jennie Tallman	3
T. A. Dean	2	J. D. Adkison	3
M. F. Cutright	3	E. J. Skidmore	2
S. N. McCaun	4	J. M. Lewis	3
B. F. Ours	2	Jennie E. Dean	2
S. P. Cutright	3		

WAYNE COUNTY—JOSEPH M. MARCUM, *Sup't.*

I have the honor to submit the third annual report of the schools of Wayne county. The cause of education is improving in this county, and although the salaries of teachers have been cut down to a remarkably low figure, still the earnest working teachers have never slackened their endeavors to build up the cause.

Our Institute, under the mangement of Prof. Duncan, was but slightly attended, but the exercises were both interesting and instructive.

Lincoln District has set the example of raising the salaries of our teachers, which we hope will be soon followed by the other districts.

We wish to especially commend the method of instruction of Prof. Osborne, Prof. Bing, James Keyser and Miss America Mansfield. Their schools were examples of order and interest.

TEACHERS AND GRADES OF THEIR CERTIFICATES.

J. E. M. Bing	1	Carrie Ramsdall	1
W. H. Eplin	3	J. M. Fuller	3
W. T. Osborne	1	Sarah Cyrus	4
Alex. Collins	2	H. H. Dean	1
John Wharf	1	O. T. Moore	3
N. K. Hanly	1	Izzie Frizelle	1
C. E. Halley	1	Lizzie Wright	2
Lizzie Demario	1	M. Shannon	1
G. M. Bowles	2	Horace Fuller	1
Tazewell Miller	1	J. P. Keyser	1
Carrie Holt	1	Mary Smith	2
Morgan Parker	1	C. F. Johnson	2
Olive Blaire	3	Wm. Ferguson	2
Park Queen	3	Wm. Copley	2
L. C. Queen	2	S. W. Porter	2
Georgie Ferguson	2	J. L. Garrell	2
G. M. Crabtree	2	S. P Willey	2
Thompson Crabtree	3	H. Fry	2
Ira Winters	2	J. S. S. Porter	1
Era Garrett	1	J. M. Park	1
Sallie Workman	1	John Park	1
Ella Workman	1	Wm. Dean	1
R. G. Anderson	2	J. F. M. Thornburg	1
M. D. Jarrell	2	M. V. Jarrel	2
George Frazier	1	H. W. Lambert	2
James Kelley	2	J. L. Kirk	2
Henry Kelley	3	W. T. Cain	2
Frank Feazel	1	Hugh Willis	2
Wm. Feazel	2	Ira Smith	2
F. M. Keyser	1	E. D. Damron	2
N. B. Ferguson	2	R G. Damron	1
W. H. Ferguson	3	Emma Wellman	1
G. W. Frasher	4	Vick Wellman	1
R. P. Hanly	2	H. Bloss	2
Julia Newman	1	Chapman Fry	2
P. F. Ball	4	S. S. Rigg	2
M. F. Ball	2	H. C. Dunkle	2
Mary Bloss	1	Wm. Harrison	2
Maggie Stephenson	2	H. Harrison	2
Wayne Lycans	2	G. Haarison	2
America Mansfield	1	Albert Smith	2
Arma Spurlock	1	Genette Smith	2
Wayne Jarrell	2	James H. Massy	3
C. J. Hazard	2	G. W. Ferguson	2
Wm. Odell	3	Willie Payne	2
Amos McComas	1	L. S. Dick	2
Nancy Hensley	4	Polly Findley	3
Burwell Newman	1	George Steele	3
J. S. Smith	2	Robert Coburn	1
D. C. Sullivan	2	George Payne, (col'd)	3

WEBSTER COUNTY—N. W. CLIFTON, *Sup't.*

I have the honor to transmit herewith, my third annual report, showing the statistical and financial condition of the Free School system in Webster county, for the scholastic year ending on the 31st day of August, A. D. 1879. My report is not complete in every respect; but it is as nearly correct as I could make it, as several items, such as "orders unpaid at beginning" and "total orders paid at end of school year," etc., were omitted by the district secretaries in their report to me, and of course could not be incorporated in mine. I found, when visiting the secretaries' offices, that many of the items that should have been inserted in their reports, were not to be found in the teacher's reports—many of them being wholly inaccurate. To remove this difficulty, I shall require teachers to be examined on "making teacher's reports," as part of the examination in arithmetic.

Owing to the low assessment of our uncultivated lands, and the sparse population of our county, it is impossible to have a sufficient number of schools to accommodate all the youths entitled to attend,

and run them the full period of four months, although the levy be laid to the extent of the law.

I visited most of the schools taught during the winter, and found them, (with few exceptions) progressing very well. One great drawback to our free schools is on the account of the inexperience of many of our teachers; and the boards of education have not been paying a sufficient salary to justify teachers in preparing themselves for the more advanced duties of their profession. Notwithstanding the many disadvantages under which we are laboring, there has been a manifest improvement on the part of our teachers in the last two or three years. In 1875 we examined twenty-seven teachers, of whom only ten were residents of this county, and seventeen emigrants from other counties. Now, we have nearly a sufficient number of teachers who reside in the county to supply the demand of our schools; and though some of them are young and unexperienced, all they need is proper training, and ere long we would have a class of teachers who would "reflect honor on the profession."

I am glad to know that, while many of our teachers cannot attend high, or normal schools, the Legislature has made ample means for their improvement, through the instrumentality of Teacher's Institutes. It is generally admitted that without good, practical teachers, we cannot have good schools; and we might with the same propriety say, that without good institutions of learning placed within the reach of teachers, we cannot have efficiency in teaching. The Teacher's Institute will, we think, if properly organized, and efficiently conducted, supply a demand greatly needed—namely, uniformity and efficiency in the art of teaching.

It was not until the 17th of December, 1877, that I called the teachers of this county together for the purpose of organizing a Teacher's Institute. Nearly all the teachers were present, and took an active part in trying to make the exercises both instructive and entertaining. Since that time we have kept our institute in operation for eight days in each year. Our institute, which convened at Addison, in July last, was very ably and efficiently conducted by Prof. T. N. Parks. The exercises were very instructive, and the evening sessions were largely attended by young and old.

There are several changes that I think ought to be made in the school law, but I shall not mention any of them now.

TEACHERS AND GRADES OF THEIR CERTIFICATES.

J. Griffin	1	Ellis Cogar	3
B. D. Hutchison	1	Miss Kate Arthur	1
Z. R. Howell	3	J. C. H. Cogar	1
J. A. Howell	3	A. F. Swentzell	1
W. Fisher	3	J. S. McGuire	2
A. F. Swentzell	2	Miss E. C. Howell	4
C. C. Hamrick	4	L. A. Lynch,	1
C. P. Dorr	1	G. M. Adkison	2
J. B. Howell	3	P. Kenny	1
W. A. Arthur	3	C. C. Hamrick	2
L. A. Lynch	2	Miss Maggie Arthur	1
W. T. Hamrick	2	S. B. Hamrick	2
T. J. Myers	3	Grandville Rexroad	2
Miss M. A. Hickman	1	P. J. McGuire	1
Albert Smith	3	J. E. Holcomb	2
J. C. H. Cogar	3	J. A. Perringer	5
Wallace Hollister	1	E. L. Morton	2
W. S. Henderson	1	James Woodzell	Examiner
W. B. Standard	1	J. L. Cochran	"

WETZEL COUNTY—Geo. K. Franks, *Sup't.*

The schools of this county are as a general thing in a very fair condition. The attendance is better than ever before, although it is yet far from being good. The parents are manifesting considerable interest in the education of their children. There is a lack of good school houses in Green and Grant Districts, and there should be several new sub-districts made; in some places the pupils have to travel four and five miles to get to school.

We have some very good teachers, in fact the majority of our teachers compare favorably with the teachers of adjoining counties; but we have a few that we would do well to get rid of, I have filled my report the best I could from the reports made to me by the sectaries of the Board of Education. I hope it will be found satisfactory and fill the purpose intended.

TEACHERS AND GRADES OF THEIR CERTIFICATES.

Miss Mary Barr	2	S. C. VanCamp	1
Samuel Ressigger	1	Frank Tucker	1
Geo. Gillispie	2	E. A. Williams	1
John M. VanCamp	1	James A. Martin	1
J. C. Snodgrass	2	Z. T. Stewart	1
James M. Lilley	3	W. C. Brown	1
Miss M. E. Snodgrass	1	J. E M. Howard	2
Lydia Peterson	2	William Carolin	2
Ophelia Ganett	2	G. W. McBride	1
C. A. Lehn	2	S. B. Hall	1
M. H. Brast	1	John D. Dunlap	2
D. W. Rowels	3	Isaac Suter	2
Miss Belle Prichard	2	W. R. Cline	1
C. W. Sinclair	2	Miss M. R. Thompson	2
J. H. Teagarden	1	Gerge Thompson	2
J. P. Brock	1	L. J. Williams	2
N. McIntire	1	John V. Giblin	1
E. Burge	1	Clarie Parriott	2
Ellis Dulany	2	L. E. Kile	2
J. U. Morgan	1	Miss Jinnie Johnson	2
Samuel Earl	1	A. F. Gilmore	2
T. B. Snodgrass	3	Calvin Grimes	2
S. L. Jolliff	1	Frank Fluharty	2
T. M. Haskins	2	Miss Joanna Fahey	2
James B. Gooden	3	Miss Mary Carson	2
G. D. Sivert	2	J. R. Russell	2
N. W. Sturm	4	J. W. Deberry	2
D. S. Snodgrass	3	F. M. Schlobohm	2
J. M. Monroe	2	John R. Wilson	2
A. P. Sidells	2	J. M. Holland	2
Pierson Lantz	3	J. W. Stanett	2
Isaac W. Johnson	4	R. W. Mayhall	2
William Dolen	2	Miss Mollie Hoge	2
J. S. Toothman	2	J. D. Snodgrss	2
N. E. Mets	3	Miss Louisa E. George	1
Miss Annie Ramsey	1	A. T. George	2
Christy Brookover	1	Martin L. Bowser	2
Amelia Biggs	1	Charles McAlester	3
Miss Annie Martin	1	James Swisher	2
S. W. Martin	1	W. F. Shuman	2
Miss C. C. Bowser	1	James A. Maxwell	1
W. M. Meighn	1	Misss Della Connelly	2
John J. Lyonett	2	W. R. Homan	1
Charles Lavelle	1	D. N. Prewitt	2
Jemina Robinson	1	Mary E. Weston	2
Miss Julia Lavelle	1	Friend Palmer	1
P. L. Glorer	1	J. W. Gilmore	2
John McNicholas	1	A. N. Wade	2
J. J. A. Montgomery	3	Miss Maggie Marsh	2
E. D. Stewart	2	Fredeick R. Suter	2
J. H. Rinehart	3	Louia Jackson	2
J. W. Ferrell	2	Rossanna Cox	2
P. D. Hoskinson	3	J. M. Ashcraft	2
L. A. Carney	1	M. Skinner	2

Oliver Cook	1	P. A. Rockey	3
Zillah M. Iee	2	W. C. Hanen	2
Miss Theo. B. Glover	1	W. O. Headler	2
Miss Ellie Glover	1	A. L. Dulaney	2
M. A. Summers	1	W. V. Teagarden	1
H. C. Brannen	1	N. F. Rowand	2
J. U. Rusk	3	E. R. Steed	2
James W. McGhee	1	J. G. Rothilsberger	2
Amos Lowe	1	G. W. Loudenslager	2
Ruth E. Moore	1		

WIRT COUNTY—D. C. CASTO, *Snp't.*

The present system has a marked tendency to keep the common school teacher within limited bounds, and limits the latitude for improvement in the profession of teaching accorded to each of the other liberal professions.

The present method of giving employment is objectionable to both teachers and people, because in many instances teachers are denied the privilege of teaching the school they most preferred, and the people are deprived of the teacher of their choice; in either case it must work injury to the school. In the change that was made by the Legislature in enlarging the powers of the Board of Education, and increasing the number of members, I think was another mistake which will work only evil to the schools, as it has a tendency deprive the school of its local controlling influence, and centralizes the control of the school where there is not a direct interest. think, and have thought for a long time, that the Board of Education as it is now composed, should be abolished, and that there should be substituted therefor an arrangement which would bring the County Superintendent into closer union with the under officers of the county. The law should provide for the election of one Trustee in each sub-district of the district, and the Trustees of of the sub-districts should compose the Board of Trustees of the district. The Presidents of the Board of Trustees, together with the County Superintendent, should compose a county Board of Education for the supervision of matters of general interest, such as laying the levy, settling with the sheriff, and providing school houses, &c. There is no necessity that I can see for more than one meeting of the Board of Trustees of the district provided the Trustee is clothed with the control of the school, that he should be. The present method of procuring the salary of the teacher after earned, is certainly very unbusiness-like and unsatisfactory to the teacher. Under the present law the Trustee, one of the most important officers connected with the schools, is merely a figure head.

The recent amendments made in the school law were generally received by our people with disfavor; the opinion seems to prevail that ultimately a great many of them must be repealed. The change made in reference to regulating the price of text books I believe meets the approbation of a majority of our people. The recent very liberal terms made by your Honor with publishers show that heretofore the people have been greatly imposed upon by wholesale and retail dealers.

Each district in the county had on an average about four months school at a cost of a little over $5.50 per scholar. The graded school

at Burning Springs was in operation for seven and a half months with about its usual success. The High School at Wirt Court House was continued for six months under the very skillful management of Professor Frank McKim. This school had a short session but one of unusual interest. The schools of the county with rare exceptions did well, and if I could judge from my investigations in my winter visits, we have scarcely had a year of more universal good results than the one just closed. There is more system in the methods of imparting instruction than prevails in some counties of my acquaintance.

The session of the County Institute, held here in July, by Prof. W. H. Anderson, of Brooke county, proved interesting and instructive to the teachers of the county; all felt that there had been considerable good accomplished in this the first session held in the county under the amended law.

In September, 1876, when I first came into the office of Superintendent, I found many of the districts in debt and struggling with financial embarrassment, but I am glad to say that now the districts are in a measure out of debt. Burning Springs Independent District still has a large bonded debt which it is reducing as fast as the present depreciated condition of its property will permit.

Looking over the past four years of free school work in this county, I must say that it has been a period of prosperity, and I am glad too to note the fact that the people are in hearty sympathy with the schools.

TEACHERS AND GRADES THEIR OF CERTIFICATES.

W. T. Rittenhouse	1	J. N. Boice	3
I. N. Smith	1	J. W. Gilmore	4
W. T. Vernon	2	R. M. Cline	3
A. C. Farnsworth	2	F. W. Ott	4
W. H. Sharpnack	1	E. S. Showalter	1
D. F. Stanton	1	D N. Precorth	3
W. F. Dulin	4	A. B Davis	1
J. H. McCoy	2	G. C. Murry	3
E. W. Bowersock	3	J. R. Pell	1
N. Dulin	2	R. M. Cline	2
J. N. Boice	4	W. T. Vernon	1
H. Merrill	4	P. T. Q. Depia	2
F. W. Ott	5	O. L. Rogers	1
A. S. Chenorout	3	Noah Dulin	2
J. L. Henson	2	W. T. Watson	3
E. G. Franklin	1	James Ferrel	2
C. E. Vandevender	1	Miss M. H. Blaylock	1
O. L. Rogers	1	Miss Cora Rader	2
Frank McKim	1	Miss Malissa Selby	1
B. C. Hamilton	2	Miss H. S. Welshaus	2
E. R. Ferree	1	Miss Mary E. Beard	1
H. B. Mason	2	Miss Anna Showalter	1
A. C. Farnsworth	1	Miss A. A. Remier	1
L. C Fishbuck	1	Miss Mary O. Thorn	1
H. B. Mason	1	Miss Emma Bee	3
M. L. Blake	2	Miss Louvina Enoch	3
J. D. Cottle	2	Miss Rosa Powell	2
E. W. Bonnsock	2	Miss M. F. Rogers	1
W. T. Dulin	3	Mrs. A. A. Sheppard	1
H. D. Wells	5	Mrs. A. C. Farnsworth	2

WOOD COUNTY—Sam'l T. Stapleton, *Sup't.*

(No Written Report.)

TEACHERS AND GRADES OF THEIR CERTIFICATES.

H. J. Ross	1	J. L. Champs	1
A. R. Ross	1	Clara E. Marsh	1
A. W. Judkins	1	A. R. Ross	1
D. Bennington	1	Orlando Woofter	1
E. P. Metgrave	1	T. J. Woofter	1
L. D. Creel	1	H. J. Ross	1
R. B. Seffries	1	R. B. Seffins	1
W. Bibbe	1	A. L. Martin	1
J. J. Nelson	1	C. Frankhouser	1
Orlando Woofter	1	David Mariin	1
Wm. McVey	1	W. C. Straus	1
D. McAlister	1	S. J. McVey	2
Susie Crichton	1	M. E. Anderson	2
R. T. Barber	1	H. D. Price	2
C. Frankhouser	1	Charles W. Barry	2
Hattie Creel	1	Charles Farrow	2
Elva Fredlock	1	C. F. Snode	2
Flora P. Cooper	1	J. M. Swallow	2
R. B. Mussetter	1	A. C. Farnesworth	2
J, L. Richardson	1	U. S. Allerman	2
Dora Whitlatch	1	G. W. Stevens	2
Emma Page	1	J. L. Champs	2
W. P. Whitlatch	1	A. L. Russel	2
Lillie Leavitt	1	George Wolcott	2
M. C. Whitlach	1	J. B. Clemson	2
M. P. Dabele	1	T. G. Rector	2
J. W. Taggart	1	W. S. Mann.	2
S. P Wibber	1	George Johnson	2
Lizzie Hinckley	1	S. T. Boggess	2
Fannie L. Shaw	1	T. J. Woofter	2
Annie Hatcher	1	Susie B. Simmons	2
Mary E. Berkley	1	Ida R. Shepherd	2
W. M. Straus	1	Agnes Weinberger	2
David Martin	1	Mollie Ryan	2
Pierce Leavitt	1	Clara E. March	2
H. C. Wigal	1	Hattie L. Fulton	2
D. B Gangwer	1	Maggie E. Price	2
C. Emmons	1	Annie Watkius	2
G. M Henry	1	Lena Harnish	2
Alanson Martin	1	Sarah Ross	2
A. L. Martin	1	Anna Rhodes	2
T. J. Farrell	1	Alice B Nicholson	2
Amly Slevogh	1	Jennie Piggott	2
Cora Manuel	1	Girtie Lovitt	2
Brossie Pennybaker	1	Mollie A. Camps	2
Mary Hollister	1	Addie Gibbs	2
Mary E. Loper	1	Emma Tavenner	2
Fannie Bradford	1	Maggie Hughes	2
Hannah Vinton	1	H. S. Dye	2
Addie Pliny	1	Benton Clark	2
A. L. Hallister	1	J. C. Barnes	2
J. L. Talbot	1	G. W. McVey	2
W. P. Mann	1	J. J. Lynch	2
Wm. R. Fogin	1	W. M. Athey	2
J. L. Steele	1	J. L. Piggott	2
Georgie Pennybacker	1	E. McCreary	2
Maggie A. Stapleton	1	Kirnin E. Smith	2
Jennie P. Steen	1	Martha Fisher	2
Emma Hall	1	M. E. Anderson	2
J. A. Watson	1	Susana Anderson	2
T. J. Woofter	1	Emma Petrie	2
Helen M. Hale	1	Jessie Pennybaker	2
Clara E. Marsh	1	Fannie Adams	2
Clara Kenedy	1	Sarah Dawson	2
Agnes Weniberger	1	W. P. Mann	2
Mrs. J. W. Reed	1	J. A. Sheets	2
Abby S. Hinckley	1	Malda McKee	2
J. L. Champs	1	J C. Rouser	2
John Humphrey	1	Mira Jeffers	2
George A. Johnson	1	Alice Manuel	2
E. N. Woodyard	1	B N. Crooks	2
Chas. Weniberger	1	Pierce Lovitt	2
Clark Nelson	1	Jasper N. Boyer	2
W. W. Robinson	1	A. Lindeldecker	2
P. F. Wells	1	Alice Wigal	2
S. L. Purinton	1	Jennie Moss	2
Charles E. Bailey	1	Alice Tavenner	2
Lena E. Harnish	1	S. G. Smitherman	2
Jennie P. Steen	1	S. J. McVey	2
Alice Manuel	1	A. Dulin	2

W. H. Adams	3	Jessie Cochran	3
G. F. Moore	3	E. S. Shunaway	3
U. A. Coughton	3	Silas Woodruff	3
Annie Hicks	3	J. H. Sole	3
Alexander Bose	3	B. W. Beaty	3
M. S. Blake	3	B. A. Woodyard	3
J. H. Buckley	3	M. Hughes	3
Annie Ward	3	D. Hale	3
Jennie Dawson	3	T. S. Kister	3
S. Forshay	3	Martin Green	4
S. J. McVey	3	Samuel Gwin	4
D. M. Wigal	3	Maud Warren	4
A. J. Snidledecker	3	Viola Warren	4
Lizzie Tiffany	3	G W. Stevens	4
J. S. Archbold	3	Frank Springer	4
A. Congleton	3	Alice Wigal	4
Lucinda Neff	3	Mattie E. Roe	4

WYOMING COUNTY—J. L. MARSHALL, *Sup't.*

In submitting my second annual report, I have much to regret. But while looking from other standpoints, I am glad for the youth of this far behind county, that it is as well with them as it is.

Now in an educational point of view contrasted with that of years before the free school system, for I judge of the interest that would be taken (or rather not taken) in their cultivation by the bad manner of our people in taking care of the blessed free school system that it might do them the good their children so much need on account of which lack the parents are blinded to that of stinginess with reference to a little sacrifice for the mental training to fit their children for usefulness in life. I must say, I do reget in the first place, that our people are so poor and the times so very hard else we could do better than to have such short and poorly attended schools with bad school houses, want of books apparatus, &c., &c., as is the case in the greater part of our county. But secondly, I am grieved that to a considerable extent our slowness in the cause is owing to a want of high minded patriotism, that sacrifice of self interest so necessary to fit and govern parents to the ideal of their children, I mean that which is so easy to be seen of school officers and citizens, such as sheriffs, boards of education, teachers and often speculating citizens, fillibustering for their own and others gain, in that way and to that extent that it militates against the present length and usefulness of schools, and also the credit of the system.

Another regret is, that the present generation will pass away before it is generally known (what is true) that it always was and perhaps, always will be, very costly to give to the masses but a common primary education. It is true here and there, now and then, we have exceptions, youths who will rise above the tide and swim to the shore of usefulness and fame, in defiance of poverty and its kindred opposition. But with the usefulness of these scattered prodigies, the world of business activities cannot move forward. We must if possible prepare the dances to the best that can be done for them, and thus narrow the road of tramps, and prepare our youth, not to the avoidence of labor, but to do their work better.

Having now hinted at some of the embarrassments with which we have, and do yet contend, contending for the prize before us. We

are glad to say the majority of our teachers did good work last winter, notwithstanding the meager allowance of pay to them by the Board of Education, the want of promtitude by a jockeying sheriff, and the menancing souls of anti-free school men who are so destitute of reason and justice as to contend that the wages of a first-class primary school teacher should not exceed that of a common plantation hand (say ox driver).

Indeed, last fall and winter we had the evidence of revival in the cause of schools. Our Institute was better attended, and seemed to inspire a number of our teachers with new zest, as well as many of the citizens. But the winter, with its extreme cold, and sickness among the children, prevented a general attendance at school, notwithstanding our teachers did better work than usual. But while a hope of better days began to dawn on our school cause in this part of the State, lo! a poisonous vapor arose from the miasma of the legislation at Wheeling the last session, and hope became a victim, sick and ready to die. She may be nursed and kept alive until the next session. In short, a number of the (claimed) amendments to the school law enacted last winter are already proving unfavorable—so much so that the general interest manifested heretofore is considerably abated. And now I dare give, as evidence in favor of the fruits of the free school system (bad as it has been treated), my observations:

It has been from twelve to thirteen years since I first saw this county and people, coming to them as an humble missionary among a good and kind social people. Of course, they had a rightful claim upon my sympathies, and finding perhaps quite a majority of the old folks and parents unable to read or write, I did not wonder that the youth and children (with a few exceptions, to take the county at large) were so illiterate that books to them were of no service. But now go where I may over the same section, I find many, many little boys and girls reading, writing and counting by figures, while the then untaught youth (a number of them) are now our very best teachers and business men. All the fruit of the free school system with its inherent stimulants. I close this imperfect official document in hope of better times in coming years, which can be secured by a general co-operation of the friends of our educational system for the masses, eventually to be culminated by the Legislative and Executive of our State. And while I now take my leave officially as an unworthy, and to too great an extent incompetent County Superintendent of Free Schools, perhaps never more to serve in such capacity, I by no means bid adieu to the worthy cause I so poorly represented the two past years, but shall by the blessing of Almighty God, the giver of every good and perfect gift, hold myself ready at all times to correspond and co-operate with the honorable State Superintendent and all other officials and friends of the hope and rise of our State, till her sons shall rise high in point of intelligence and good citizenship.

TEACHERS AND GRADES OF THEIR CERTIFICATES.

P. G. Little	1	Robert Cook (col'd)	5
H. J. Hearn	3	P. P. Lambert	3
Wm. A. Brammer	2	D. E. Bailey	4
J. H. Brammer	2	Joseph Lambert	5
Marion Foley	4	Josiah Cook	5

S. M. Rice	3	J. F. Walker	5
J. D. Shumate	1	Wm. Canterberry	1
W. R. Osborne	1	T. E. Combs	2
James Cook	3	F. P. Rosch	2
A. W. Hammond	1	John A. Cook	1
M. P. Maxcy	1	Lee Chambers	1
L. M. Poe	1	Miss Fannie Shumate	1
B. E. Wills	4	Miss Cora Cook	2
J. H. Stewart	1	Virginia Shumate	1
M. W. Pendry	2	Miss Mary A. Sarver	2
Silas Goode	5	Miss R. Ginnie Marshall	1
J. A. Gunnoe	1	Alonzo Sarver	2
C. S. Canterberry	1	Lewis Cook	3
G. W. Cook	5	G. A. Williams	3
Daniel Gunnoe	1	T. J. Cooper	1
E. M Senter	1	Theodore Bailey	1

MARTINSBURG CITY—A. TEGETHOFF, *Sup't.*

In submitting this my third annual report of the public schools of Martinsburg, I regret to be compelled to say, that I am not prepared to give you in all respects as clear and detailed a statement of the condition of our schools as it is my desire to do, since my duties as Principal and teacher of our grammar school have left me but little time to visit during the scholastic year the ward schools. I believe, however, to be justified to report, that the last year's school work has added its share of blessings and benefits to our school youths and consequently to the entire community.

From what few observations I have been able to gather, it appears to me, that our teachers as a class, have manifested in their school-room work great zeal and energy, and a commendable devotion to the prefession. The examinations for promotion held by the Principals in their respective schools, have in most instances evinced, that the assistant teachers had their classes well drilled in the course of study marked out for them. Speaking from my own observations, gathered by a few hurried visits to each of the ward schools, I consider it but just to state, that I noticed in nearly all the rooms improvement in government as well as in conducting recitatations. The pupils under the immediate charge of the ward school principals, were examined by myself for promotion to the grammar school, and of forty-seven candidates, forty-two passed the examination satisfactorily.

In the grammar school we have held repeatedly written examinations both for promotion and for the bestowal of diplomas, and one oral public examination, which latter was continued for nearly four days. Of the entire number of scholars of the two lower grades of this department, only four failed to be promoted. Of the highest grade six scholars had completed the prescribed course, and having passed the examinations in all the various branches creditably, received diplomas.

The general condition of our colored school is tolerably good. The schools were in operation within a few days of ten months. The exercises of the second annual commencement were held in the M. E. Church, and were highly complimented with a crowded house.

We had a well organized Teachers' Institute, which met twice every month, making twenty meetings during the year.

TEACHERS AND GRADES OF THEIR CERTIFICATES.

A. Tegethoff	1	Miss Mary Fiery	2
Wm. Gerhardt	1	Miss Mary Muth	1
A. R. Long	1	Miss Emma Snodgrass	2
J. W. Hughes	1	Miss Kate Ahern	2
Miss A. V. Wilson	1	Miss Annie O'Neal	2
Miss L. G. Winn	1	Miss Rebecca Kratz	2
Miss Annie Madera	1	Miss Jennie Ditto	1
Miss Annie Hill	1	J. R. Clifford, (col'd)	2
Miss Jennie Alburtis	1	Mrs. M. E. Clifford, (col'd)	2
Miss Emma Hughes	2		

WHEELING CITY—John C. Hervey, *Sup't.*

In submitting the annual statement of the public schools of the Independent School District of Wheeling for the year ending Aug. 31st, 1879, permit me to refer briefly to the organization of our Grammar Departments.

Each graded school has a grammar room. It is the highest grade in the school. To reach it the pupil must be prepared on the work of the four preceding grades. After he reaches it the pupil enters upon a four-years course of study. The branches required for the first, second, third and fourth grades are specifically prescribed by a rule of the Board of Education.

The pupil cannot enter the class for the second year without successfully passing the examination on the branches required for the first year; and so for the successive years. When the whole course of study prescribed for the grammar department has been completed, a final test examination under the direction of the Superintendent determines the fitness of the applicant to receive a diploma. To those who in this manner are found worthy, a diploma is awarded. This diploma is signed by the President of the Board, the Superintendent, and the Principal of the School, attested by the Clerk, and sealed by the seal of the Board.

Two classes of graduates have been sent out; the first one in June 1878: was reported to you last year; the second one in June 1879, consisted of 27 members. The Commencement exercises were held in Washington Hall to a crowded house.

The grading of the branches in the grammar departments, and the graduation of the pupils completing the course, have had a good effect in retaining pupils longer in the schools, and in stimulating to greater industry.

Our schools are well organized, and do their work efficiently and harmoniously.

Teachers Employed and their Positions in the Schools of Wheeling, for the Year Beginning Sept. 1st, 1879, and Ending Aug. 31, 1880.

NAMES.	Grade.	POSITION.
WASHINGTON.		
Mr. T B. McCain	1	Principal.
Miss Ida Iveson	2	Grammar Room.
Agnes McLure	1	Division A.
Alice V. Oxtoby	1	" A.
Sallie Robinson	1	" B.
Tillie McDonald	2	" B.
Anna A. Johnston	1	" C.
Ada B. Greer	1	" C.
Mary Arbuthnot	1	" C.
Emma V. Ellifritz	1	" D.
Mary C. Ryan	2	" D.
Mollie H. Francis	2	" D.
MADISON.		
Mr. A. M. Stevenson	1	Principal
Miss Stella Moore	1	Grammar Room.
Ella R. Greer	1	Assistant.
Julia M. Wiley	1	Division A.
Clara E. Young	1	" B.
Emma E. Snowden	1	" B.
Rida L. Dean	1	" C.
Agnes Dillon	1	" C.
Minta Foster	1	" D.
Kate Hall	1	" D.
CLAY.		
Miss S. J Meholin	1	Principal.
Emma J. Stevens	1	Grammar Room.
Ella Dillon	1	Assistant.
Mary A. Davis	1	Division A.
Mary E. Jeffers	1	" A.
Mattie Stout	1	" B.
Mary A. Bailie	1	" B.
Mrs. Miriam Dean	1	" C.
Miss Lizzie Swift	1	" C.
Lizzie McKennan	1	" C.
Jane McColloch	1	" D.
Annie E. Greer	2	" D.
Joanna B. Charnock	1	" D.
Mrs. Maggie C. Griffeth	1	" D.
UNION.		
Mr. Wm. H. Anderson	1	Principal.
Miss Jane Anderson	1	Grammar Room.
Annie Ewing	1	Division A.
Lizzie Downs	1	" A.
Lucinda Sims	1	" B.
Maria Ellingham	1	" B.
Georgie B. Pender	1	" C.
Amy Chapline	1	" C.
Mary Robinson	1	" C.
Ella L. Updegraff	1	" D.
M Lou McColloch	1	" D.
Lizzie Carmack	1	" D.
Sallie Thoburn	1	" D.
May Britt	1	" D.
CENTRE.		
Mr. H. C. Shepherd	1	Principal.
Miss Sadie Stout	2	Grammar Room.
Ada M. Drake	1	Assistant.
Cornelia Hamilton	1	Division A.
Annie Moran	1	" B.
Minnie S Black	2	" B.
Edda Bingell	1	" C.
Jennie Patterson	2	" D.
M. Louise Butler	1	" D.
WEBSTER.		
Mr. Samuel Boyd	1	Principal.
Miss Martha Harper	1	Grammar Room.
Mary J. Morrison	1	Division A.
Sue E. Crumbacker	1	" A.
Lizzie Clohan	1	" B.
Ida M. Richards	1	" B.
Tillie Sutherland	1	" C.
Mary Hughes	1	" C.
Lizzie Cross	1	" D.
Kate Todd	2	" D.
Lizzie Hamilton	1	" D.
RITCHIE.		
Mr. J. C Gwynn	1	Principal.
Miss Jose. A. Greenlee	1	Grammar Room.
Mary Baron	1	Assistant.
Mrs Josie F. Rose	1	Division A.
Miss Emma S. Anderson	1	" A.
Sarah A. Scott	1	" B.
L. Decie Hamilton	1	" B.
Ella J. Stephens	1	" C.
Sarah McKinley	2	" C.
Sallie L. Callendine	1	" C.
Anna E. Reeves	1	" D.
H V. Whitesides	1	" D.
Ella J. Moore	1	" D.
Mrs. Bella M. Kain	1	" D.
Miss Emma J. Steele	1	" D.
COLORED.		
Mr. Wm. F. Gaskins	1	Principal.
Miss E. R. Wallace	1	Assistant.
GERMAN.		
Miss Emma Stroehlein	1	1st and 7th wards.
Mrs. Helena Gelink	1	2d and 3rd "
Miss Mary Murset	1	4th and 5th "
Mr. Carl Rumpf	1	6th and 8th "

SEVENTEENTH ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

STATE SUPERINTENDENT OF FREE SCHOOLS,

STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA.

STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA,

DEPARTMENT OF FREE SCHOOLS,

WHEELING, January 1, 1880.

To His Excellency, H. M. MATHEWS,

Governor of the State of West Virginia:

SIR:—I have the honor to make to you the Seventeenth Annual Report of the Department of Free Schools, exhibiting the operations of our Free Schools for the School year beginning September 1, 1879, and ending August 31, 1880. It is compiled from a thorough analysis and generalization of the reports made to this office by the County Superintendents, and though, in some respects, defective, it is, in all details, fuller and more accurate than any former Report from this Department. The County Superintendents have exerted themselves with great earnestness to furnish me full and correct reports for their respective counties, and where they have failed to do so, it has been, I believe, from causes beyond their control.

Every county in the State has sent in a report, and though some of them were too late to be inserted in all the tables, their statements have been used as far as practicable.

From these reports, I submit for your consideration, the following summary for the School Year ending August 31, 1880, and comparison of the same with that of the year ending August 31, 1879.

SUMMARY OF SCHOOL STATISTICS

FOR THE SCHOOL YEAR ENDING AUGUST 31, 1879, COMPARED WITH THOSE FOR THE SCHOOL YEAR ENDING AUGUST 31, 1880.

SCHOOL ORGANIZATION.

Number of school districts, 1878-9	361
Number of school districts, 1879-80	363
Increase	2
Number of sub-districts, 1878-9	3,383
Number of sub-districts, 1879-80	3,529
Increase	146
Number of District School Commissioners, 1878-9	1,083
Number of District School Commissioners, 1879-80	1,083
Number of Secretaries of Boards of Education, 1878-9	361
Number of Secretaries of Boards of Education, 1879-80	363
Increase	2
Number of trustees, 1878-9	10,149
Number of trustees, 1879-80	3,529
Decrease	6,620
Number of City and County Superintendents, 1878-9	56
Number of City and County Superintendents, 1879-80	56

TEACHERS.

Number of teachers granted certificates, 1878-9	4,393
Number of teachers granted certificates, 1879-80	3,679
Decrease	714

Number of teachers employed, 1878-9	4,131
Number of teachers employed, 1879-80	4,134
Increase	3
Number of male teachers employed, 1878-9	3,142
Number of male teachers employed, 1879-80	3,104
Decrease	8
Number of female teachers employed, 1878-9	989
Number of female teachers employed, 1879-80	1,120
Increase	131

NUMBER OF MONTHS TAUGHT.

By male teachers, 1878-9	12,777
By male teachers, 1879-80	13,129
Increase	352
By female teachers, 1878-9	5,162
By female teachers, 1879-80	5,402
Increase	240
Total number of months taught, 1878-9	17,939
Total number of months taught, 1879-80	18,531
Increase	592
Average number of months taught, 1878-9	4.34
Average number of months taught, 1879-80	4.50
Decrease	.16

ENUMERATION, ATTENDANCE, AVERAGE AGE, ETC.

Children in the State between 6 and 16 years of age, 1878-9	*.....
Children in the State between 6 and 16 years of age, 1879-80	160,392
Children in the State between 16 and 21 years of age, 1878-9	*.....
Children in the State between 16 and 21 years of age, 1879-80	49,721
Children in the State between 6 and 21 years of age, 1878-9	206,123
Children in the State between 6 and 21 years of age, 1879-80	210,113
Increase	3,990
Attended school during year, 1878-9	135,526
Attended school during year, 1879-80	142,850
Increase	7,324
Average daily attendance of males, 1878-9	49,597
Average daily attendance of males, 1879-80	49,599
Increase	2
Average daily attendance of females, 1878-9	40,671
Average daily attendance of females, 1879-80	42,105
Increase	1,434
General average attendance, 1878-9	90,268
General average attendance, 1879-80	91,704
Increase	436
General average age of pupils, 1878-9	10.7
General average age of pupils, 1879-80	11.+
Increase	.3
Per cent. of attendance based on number of children between 6 and 16, 1879-80	.92
Per cent. of attendance based on number of children between 6 and 21, 1879-80	.71

*Enumeration was not reported in divisions of 6 to 16 and 16 to 21 until 1879-80.

Number of Union schools, 1879-80	20
Increase	20
Number of high schools, 1878-9	8
Number of high schools, 1879-80	8
Number of graded schools, 1878-9	105
Number of graded schools, 1879-80	103
Decrease	2
Number of common schools, 1878-9	3,612
Number of common schools, 1879-80	3,680
Increase	68
Whole number of schools, 1878-9	3.725
Whole number of schools, 1879-80	3,811
Increase	86

SCHOOL HOUSES.

Frame, 1878-9	2,035
Frame, 1879-80	2,142
Increase	107
Stone, 1878-9	6
Stone, 1879-80	6
Brick, 1878-9	90
Brick, 1879-80	93
Increase	3
Log, 1878-9	1,342
Log, 1879-80	1,316
Decrease	26
Whole number of school houses, 1878-9	3,473
Whole number of school houses, 1879-80	3,557
Increase	84
Number built, 1878-9	176
Number built, 1879-80	152
Decrease	24

VALUE OF SCHOOL PROPERTY.

Value of school grounds, 1878-9	$ 147,203 55
Value of school grounds, 1879-80	165,650 75
Increase	$ 18,447 20
Value of school houses, 1878-9	$1,415.221 76
Value of school houses, 1879-80	1,400,954 92
*Decrease	$ 14,266 84
Value of school furniture, 1878-9	$ 99.901 09
Value of school furniture, 1879-80	88 905 89
*Decrease	$ 995 20

*Only in rate of appraisement.

Value of school libraries, 1878-9	1,251 00
Value of school libraries, 1879-80	1,172 00
*Decrease	$ 79 00
Value of school apparatus, 1878-9	13.294 15
Value of school apparatus, 1879-80	13,851 35
Increase	$ 557 20
Total value of school property, 1878-9	$1,676.871 55
Total value of school property, 1879-80	1,670,534 91
*Decrease	$ 6,336 64

RECEIPTS FOR THE YEAR ENDING AUGUST 31, 1880, COMPARED WITH THOSE FOR YEAR ENDING AUGUST 31, 1879

TEACHERS' FUND.

From State school fund, 1878-9	$ 237,265 25
From State school fund, 1879-80	206,336 37
Decrease	$ 30,928 88
From district levies for teachers' fund, 1878-9	335.932 39
From district levies for teachers' fund, 1879-80	304,332 27
Decrease	$ 31,600 12
From other sources for teachers' fund, 1878-9	15,286 17
From other sources for teachers' fund, 1879-80	22,727 83
Increase	$ 7,441 66
Peabody fund, 1878-9	3,100 00
Peabody fund, 1879-80	.....
Decrease	3,100 00
Total receipts for teachers' fund, including balance on hand at beginning of school year, 1878-9	$ 667,877 21
Total receipts for teachers' fund, including balance on hand at beginning of school year, 1879-80	622,126 46
Decrease	$ 45,750 75

BUILDING FUND.

From levy for building fund, 1878-9	$ 179,891 71
From levy for building fund, 1879-80	186,[illegible]00 15
Increase	$ 6,208 44
From other sources for building fund, 1878-9	$ 13,009 36
From other sources for building fund, 1879-80	43,390 93
Increase	$ 30,381 57
From all sources for the building fund, including balance on hand at the beginning of the school year, 1878-9	$ 238,084 73
From all sources for the building fund. including balance on hand at the beginning of the school year, 1879-80	247,567 32
Increase	$ 9,482 59

TOTAL RECEIPTS.

From all sources for the teachers' and building funds, including balance on hand at the beginning of the school year 1878-9	$ 905,961 94
From all sources for the teachers' and building funds, including balance on hand at the beginning of the school year 1879-80	867,693 78
Decrease	$ 38,268 16

*Only in rate appraisement.

EXPENDITURES FOR THE YEAR ENDING AUGUST 31, 1880, COMPARED WITH THOSE FOR YEAR ENDING AUGUST 31, 1879.

FROM TEACHERS' FUND.

Salaries paid male teachers, 1878-9	$ 361,319 60
Salaries paid male teachers, 1879-80	364,382 66
Increase	$ 3,063 06
Salaries paid female teachers, 1878-9	$ 142,876 75
Salaries paid female teachers, 1879-80	158,100 58
Increase	$ 15,223 83
Total amount paid teachers, 1878-9	$ 504,196 35
Total amount paid teachers, 1879-80	522,483 24
Increase	$ 18,286 89

AVERAGE SALARIES.

Paid white male teachers, 1878-9	$ 28 21
Paid white male teachers, 1879-80	27 70
Decrease	.51
Paid white female teachers, 1878-9	26 19
Paid white female teachers, 1879-80	29 28
Increase	3 09
Paid colored male teachers, 1878-9	28 11
Paid colored male teachers, 1879-80	29 22
Increase	1 11
Paid colored female teachers, 1878-9	20 66
Paid colored female teachers, 1879-80	28 72
Increase	8 06
General average salary, 1878-9	26 64
General average salary, 1879-80	28 19
Increase	1 55

EXPENDITURES FROM THE BUILDING FUND.

For land, 1878-9	$ 2,497 77
For land, 1879-80	3,656 32
Increase	1,158 55
For building school houses, 1878-9	60,185 37
For building school houses, 1879-80	61,399 89
Increase	1,214 52
For rent of school houses, 1878-9	3,161 79
For rent of school houses, 1879-80	1,712 96
Decrease	1,448 83
For repairs of school houses, 1878-9	21,074 00
For repairs of school houses, 1879-80	26,781 69
Increase	5,707 69
For fuel, 1878-9	25,011 49
For fuel, 1879-80	26,831 27
Increase	1,819 78

For furniture, 1878-9	$7,428 71
For furniture, 1879-80	7,005 40
Decrease	423 31
For apparatus, 1878-9	2,722 57
For apparatus, 1879-80	2,046 93
Decrease	675 64
For interest and insurance, 1878-9	3,691 00
For interest and insurance, 1879-80	3,386 66
Decrease	304 34
For commissions for collecting both funds, 1878-9	10,920 54
For commissions for collecting both funds, 1879-80	7,495 84
Decrease	3,424 70
For enumeration of youth, 1878-9	3,849 65
For enumeration of youth, 1879-80	846 40
Decrease	3,003 25
For building fires and sweeping, 1878-9	11,935 57
For building fires and sweeping, 1879-80	14,903 37
Increase	2,967 80
For Contingencies. 1878-9	19,561 68
For contingencies, 1879-80	18,510 88
Decrease	1,508 80
For Secretaries of Boards of Education, 1878-9	8,323 41
For Secretaries of Boards of Education, 1879-80	10,492 06
Increase	2,168 65
Total expenditures from Building Fund for all purposes, 1878-9	204,874 55
Total expenditures from Building Fund for all purposes, 1879-80	185,069 67
Decrease	19,804 88
Total expenditures from Building and Teachers funds, for all purposes, 1878-9	709,071 30
Total expenditures from Building and Teachers funds, for all purposes, 1879-80	707,552 91
Decrease	1,518 39
Balance reported on hands, both funds, 1878-9	121,477 06
Balance reported on hands, both funds, 1879-80	196,890 64
Increase	75,413 58

AVERAGE OF COUNTY LEVIES ON $100 VALUATION.

For teachers' fund, 1878-9	.24.1
For teachers' fund, 1879-80	.25.2
Increase	.1.2
For building fund, 1878-9	.15.5
For building fund, 1879-80	.19.3
Increase	.3.8

COST OF EDUCATION.

Cost for tuition, based on enumeration, 1878-9	2.45
Cost for tuition, based on enumeration, 1879-80	2.49
Increase	.04

Cost for tuition, based on enrollment, 1878-9	$ 4.69
Cost for tuition, based on enrollment, 1879-80	4.43
Decrease	$ .26
Cost per pupil per month, based on enrollment, 1878-9	1.03
Cost per pupil per month, based on enrollment, 1879-80	.98
Decrease	.05
Total receipts for all purposes, per pupil, between six and sixteen years of age based on enumeration, 1879-80	* 5.41
Total receipts for all purposes, per pupil, between six and twenty-one years of age, based on enumeration, 1878-9	4.39
Total receipts for all purposes, per pupil, between six and twenty-one years of age, based on enumeration, 1879-80	4.13
Decrease	.26
Total expenditures for all purposes, per pupil, between six and sixteen years of age, based on enumeration, 1879-80	* 3.94
Total expenditures for all purposes, per pupil, between six and twenty-one years of age, based on enumeration, 1878-9	3.44
Total expenditures for all purposes, per pupil, between six and twenty-one years of age, based on enumeration, 1879-80	3.01
Decrease	.43
Amount of teachers' fund apportioned to whites, 1878-9	$ 582,502 97
Amount of teachers' fund apportioned to whites, 1879-80	621,931 84
Increase	39,431 87
Amount of teachers' fund apportioned to colored, 1878-9	23,149 34
Amount of teachers' fund apportioned to colored, 1879-80	18,718 26
Decrease	4,431 08
Amount per child apportioned to whites, 1878-9	3 07
Amount per child apportioned to colored, 1879-80	2 42

RECAPITULATION OF THE FISCAL STATEMENT FOR YEARS ENDING AUGUST 31, 1879, AND AUGUST 31, 1880, COMPARED.

Total assets reported from all sources, including balance on hand at the beginning of the school year, 1878-9	$ 905,961 94
Total assets reported from all sources, including balance on hand at the beginning of the school year, 1879-80	869,693 78
Decrease	36,268 16
Total reported disbursements of both funds, 1878-9	709,713 00
Total reported disbursements of both funds, 1879-80	707,552 91
Decrease	1,518 39
Reported balance on hand of both funds, 1878-9	121,477 06
Reported balance on hand of both funds, 1879-80	196,890 64
Increase	75,413 58

*Enumeration not reported in division of 6 to 16 and 6 to 21 till 1879-80.

BRANCHES TAUGHT AND NUMBER STUDYING EACH.

Orthography	118,642
Reading	98,033
Writing	71,044
Arithmetic	60,714
Geography	28,466
History	5,199
Grammar	16,916
German	2,085
Other branches	7,948

In addition to this summary and comparison of the operation of the Free Schools of the State for the years 1878-9 and 1879-80, it will be interesting and profitable to make a comparative statement of the more suggestive features of these operations for the years 1870 and 1880, so as to show the progress which has been made in this important element in our State growth for the decade just closed.

COMPARISON OF THE STATE AND OPERATION OF OUR FREE SCHOOLS FOR THE YEARS 1870 AND 1880.

Number of School Districts 1870	2,567
Number of School Districts 1880	3,529
Increase	962
Number of School Commissioners 1870	972
Number of School Commissioners 1880	1,083
Increase	111
Number of Secretaries 1870	324
Number of Secretaries 1880	363
Increase	39
Number of Trustees 1870	7,089
Number of Trustees 1880	3,529
Decrease (owing to change in law reducing number to one in each district)	3,560
Number of County Superintendents 1870	53
Number of County Superintendents 1880	54
Increase	1
Number of Teachers granted certificates 1870	2,303
Number of Teachers granted certificates 1880	3,679
Increase	1,376
Number of Teachers employed 1870	2,405
Number of Teachers employed 1880	4,134
Increase	1,729
Number of months taught 1870	9,915
Number of months taught 1880	18,531
Increase	8,616
Number of children between 6 and 21 years old 1870	162,432
Number of children between 6 and 21 years old 1880	210,113
Increase	47,681
Number attending school 1870	87,330
Number attending school 1880	142,850
Increase	55,520

General average attendance 1870	55.083
General average attendance 1880	91.704
Increase	36.621
General average age of pupils 1870	11.69
General average age of pupils 1880	11.4
Decrease	.69
Number of High Schools 1870	1
Number of High Schools 1880	8
Increase	7
Number of Graded Sehools 1870	74
Number of Graded Schools 1880	103
Increase	29
Number of Common Schools 1870	2,440
Number of Common Schools 1880	3,680
Increase	1,240
Whole number of schools 1870	2,515
Whole number of schools 1880	3,811
Increase	1,296

SCHOOL HOUSES.

Frame 1870	1,124
Frame 1880	2,142
Increase	1,018
Stone 1870	17
Stone 1880	6
Decrease	11
Brick 1870	68
Brick 1880	93
Increase	25
Log 1870	904
Log 1880	1,316
Increase	412
Whole number 1870	2,113
Whole nnmber 1880	3,557
Increase	1,441
Number built in 1870	209
Number built in 1880	152
Decrease	57

VALUE OF SCHOOL PROPERTY.

Grounds 1870	$ 93,311 46
Grounds 1880	165,650 75
Increase	$ 72,339 29
Houses 1870	$ 919,621 40
Houses 1880	1,400,954 92
Increase	$ 481,333 52
Furniture 1870	$ 34,562 42
Furniture 1880	88,905 89
Increase	$ 54,343 47

Apparatus 1870	$ 6,046 64
Apparatus 1880	13,851 35
Increase	$ 7,804 71
Total value of property 1870	$1,057,473 94
Total value of property 1880	1,670,534 91
Increase	$ 613,060 97

RECEIPTS.

From State 1870	$ 118,518 70
From State 1880	206,336 37
Increase	$ 87,817 67
From District levies 1870	$ 298,276 61
From District levies 1880	490,432 42
Increase	$ 192,155 81
From other sources 1870	$ 43,235 82
From other sources 1880	66,118 76
Increase	$ 22,882 94
Total receipts 1870	$ 565,207 99
Total receipts 1880	867,693 78
Increase	$ 302,485 79

EXPENDITURES.

Salaries of Teachers 1870	$ 220,753 84
Salaries of Teachers 1880	522,483 24
Increase	$ 301,729 40
Paid for buildings, rent, land, &c., 1870	$ 249,375 59
Paid for buildings, rent, land, &c., 1880	185,069 67
Decrease	$ 64,305 92
General average monthly Salary of Teachers 1870	$ 31 79
General average monthly Salary of Teachers 1880	28 19
Decrease	$ 3 60

AVERAGE DISTRICT LEVY ON $100 VALUATION OF PROPERTY.

For Building Fund 1870	$ 28.67
For Building Fund 1880	19.30
Decrease	$ 9.37
For Teachers' Fund 1870	$ 30.06
For Teachers' Fund 1880	25.20
Decrease	$ 4.86

COST PER PUPIL.

For Tuition, based on enrollment 1870	$ 3 01
For Tuition, based on enrollment 1880	3 65
Increase	$ 64
For Tuition, based on enumeration 1870	$ 1 62
For Tuition, based on enumeration 1880	2 49
Increase	87

A careful review of this comparative statement from the reports of 1870 and 1880 will show a most gratifying progress in our school

work. It appears that, while there has been in the last ten years an increase in the number of school-youth of only 29 per cent., as ascertained by actual enumeration, there has been in the same period an increase in the number of teachers employed of 72 per cent.; of the number of months taught, an increase of 87 per cent.; of the number attending school, an increase of 64 per cent., and of the general average attendance, an increase of 66 per cent.; that is, there has been an increase in provision for instruction, and in the number of youth actually receiving instruction about three times as great as the increase in the number of school youth entitled to the privilege of free schools.

"The value of all school property shows an increase in the outlay for this purpose of 58 per cent.; and as a result of the expenditure there has been an increase in the number of school houses built of 91 per cent.

The amount received to the credit of the "General School Fund," and which is annually distributed to the districts of the State upon the basis of enumeration of school youth, has been increased 74 per cent. This goes to the Teachers' Fund and so far causes a reduction in the annual district levies necessary to run the schools the legally required four months in every year.

The tables show that there has been an actual increase in the amount received from district levies of 74 per cent., while there has been an actual decrease in the rate of levy of 33 per cent. for the Building Fund and 16 per cent. for the Teachers' Fund. This results from the more thorough and just system of assessment which has been enforced, and the efficiency and fidelity with which taxes have been levied and accounted for, and the vigilance with which arrears from all sources tributary to these funds have been looked after and recovered.

The total amount paid out for teachers' salaries, as per report of 1870, was $220,753 84; the amount paid out for the same purpose, as per reports of 1880, was $552,483 24, an increase of $301,729 40, or 136 per cent, which was applied directly to pay teachers employed at salaries of *eleven* per cent. less than those paid in 1870, and was raised by a rate of levy 16 per cent. less than the rate of 1870.

The progress made in our school work since the report of 1878-9 can be readily seen from the summary given in the beginning of this report. It compares favorably with any previous year, and gives a very satisfactory showing of the present condition and working of the schools.

OUR SCHOOL LAW.

That objections are made to some features of our school law should not excite surprise. No law, embracing so many details can be expected to please everybody. The natural diversity of taste and judgment among men make this impossible. Nor in a State so diverse in the development of its several sections and in the social and geographical relations of its parts, is it practicable to frame a general law that will be equally well adapted to all. Still, taken as a whole, it cannot be denied that our school law is remarkably free from all reasonable objection, and that it deserves to stand, in the main, as it is. The

frequent small changes that have been made in it have resulted, for the greater part, in more inconvenience, misunderstanding and annoyance than have been compensated by any advantage that has been gained; and I advise that except so far as to make such changes as will give increased efficiency to the law as it is, it should not be altered. It is of supreme importance that the law should be understood by the local officers, and that its operation should be uniform, that both officers and patrons may become familiar with its details. But this is effectually prevented by frequent changes in the law.

REMOVAL OF OFFICERS.

We call attention again to this subject. Our law provides that officers shall have certain qualities, but makes no provision for their removal in any case whatever. Experience has shown that most unworthy persons are sometimes elected to office, and I suggest that provision be made whereby they may be removed. Habitual intemperance; gross immorality; abuse of official power; or damaging neglect or violation of prescribed duties, ought to be sufficient cause for removal. The power to remove a secretary might be safely given to the Board of Education of his district, since they appoint him; that to remove a member of the Board of Education, to the Presidents of the Boards of Education of the several districts of the county, subject to the approval of the County Superintendent; and that to remove a County Superintendent, to the same Presidents, subject to the approval of the State Superintendent. The power, so guarded, could scarcely be unjustly used, and we have had cases where the service would have been greatly relieved by its exercise.

EXAMINATIONS AND TEACHERS' CERTIFICATES.

The wisdom of frequent and rigid examinations of teachers is universally conceded. Nothing has tended more to the elevation of the grades of teachers than this requirement. On this account we doubted the propriety of the change in the law on this subject, enacted by the Legislature of 1879, by which teachers holding three No. 1 certificates were exempted from examination for the next three succeeding years. Our report shows that 4,134 teachers were employed during the year, and of these over thirty-six hundred were examined. The rest were exempted, and the greater number, probably 400, under the operation of this amendment. But as the law has already exempted so many, and its operation hereafter must, in the nature of the case, effect but a very few each year, it will be better, perhaps, to let it stand. It will doubtless prove a stimulus to excite others to procure the required number of No. 1 grades, and, if the examinations are carefully conducted, it will be so far beneficial.

I especially commend the importance of elevating the standard of the examinations and some provision for making them as nearly as practicable uniform. This might be best done, perhaps, by providing that the questions shall be prepared by the State Superintendent, one set for the whole State, and that the examinations shall be conducted and the answers examined and valued by a County Board of Examiners as now constituted.

ENUMERATION OF SCHOOL YOUTH.

The amendment of the 19th section, requiring the teachers of the respective school districts to take the enumeration, has been loudly complained of by the teachers, because it imposes an extra duty upon them without any compensation. But it has unquestionably worked well for the interest of the schools. The enumeration has been better taken than it was ever before done, and a large saving of expense has been effected by the change. Doubtless the teachers will be better reconciled to it as they become accustomed to perform the task. Besides, it gives them a good opportunity to become acquainted with all the pupils of their respective districts and to gather up other information that they ought to know.

COUNTY INSTITUTES.

The amendment as to County Institutes is good so far as it goes, but its failure to make some provision by which a general attendance may be secured is a radical defect, which destroys in a great measure their utility. I again commend the adoption of the provision suggested in my last report, that is, that no teachers shall be employed to teach who did not attend the Institute next preceding the term of service applied for, unless it be satisfactorily shown to the Board of Education that he had been prevented by sickness. Teachers that will contemn a free provision made by the State for their improvement ought not to expect to be employed in the public schools.

PEABODY INSTITUTES.

The General Agent of the Peabody Fund, the late Dr. Sears, entered with great heartiness into our plans for elevating the qualifications of our teachers by means of Institutes, and directed that the whole of the appropriation ($3,000.00) made for the last year to West Virginia should be expended on Institutes. The whole amount appropriated for County Institutes by the Legislature was $500.00, or only $9.26 to each county. Of course this was insufficient, and it was by the aid given from the Peabody Fund that we were enabled to have these Institutes held. As it was, one Institute was held in every county as required by the law, and in some large counties (thirteen in all), for the convenience of the teachers, two were held. These were not well attended. The teachers felt under no compulsion to attend, and in some cases the liberal provision made for their improvement was virtually thrown away. A compulsory act providing for their attendance, such as I have suggested, would have remedied this sad failure in the efficiency of this wise and vitally important provision for the improvement of our teachers. It is probable that the Peabody managers may again extend us aid for these Institutes, and I again urge the importance of making the attendance compulsory by some moderate condition that cannot operate hardly upon any teacher. We cannot too earnestly enforce the importance of this point. Our own experience, and the judgment of all enlightened educators who have studied our free school system, place the question beyond dispute.

Besides the County Institutes we held four District Institutes, one at Hinton, one at Martinsburg, one at Clarksburg and one at Huntington. These were conducted by Prof. Ladd, of Staunton, Va. The General Institute Lecturer employed the late Dr. Sears, and Prof. DeGraff, of New Jersey. These teachers rank among the most eminent institute workers in the United States, and gave the fullest satisfaction to the liberal and cultivated class of teachers that attended their instructions. The effect of these institutes was excellent, and they inspired a spirit of improvement that will be fruitful of much good in the future. We only regret that the good work was limited to so small a number of those for whom it was provided and performed.

GRADED PRIMARY INSTRUCTION.

I again call attention to my former recommendations on this subject. There can be no question as to the value and importance of such provisions on this subject as I have suggested. A system of grading as to the order and succession of studies in the conduct of the school work is so obviously beneficial that it needs no argument or explanation to show it. It is entirely practical, can work no injury to any, and cannot fail to be of the largest general advantage.

TEXT BOOKS.

The provisions of the enactment on this subject of the last Legislature have been carefully and fully carried out, and with the most marked beneficial results. In some few cases it has been practically disregarded, but in these it either has been, or soon will be, effectually enforced. It has proved a vast saving to the people, and has secured, it is reported, better books.

NORMAL SCHOOLS.

We make no report as to these schools here, leaving their consideration to the report of the Regents, to whose management they are specially committed. They are not under the management of this department. For the same reason we omit to say anything as to the West Virginia University.

CONCLUSION.

We think that the comparative statement which we have presented of the condition of our schools for the years 1870 and 1880 will satisfy all that we have just reason to be proud of their progress and efficiency. The grades of our teachers have been signally advanced. During the last year we employed no teacher whose certificate was below No. 3—except for a few colored schools—and of those actually employed over four hundred had procured either No. 1 certificates for the three years next preceding, or had state certificates or normal diplomas; 1402 procured No. 1 certificates, 1582 No. 2 certificates, while only 695 were employed on No. 3 certificates. The per cent. of attendance is steadily increasing, the length of time for which the

schools are conducted is greater, the number of school houses is increased, the furniture and apparatus are better and more suited to the comfort and adequate to the wants of the schools, the financial affairs are more honestly and economically administered, the statistical reports are fuller and more reliable, the experience and efficacy of the local management are steadily improving and the schools are growing year by year in the interest and appreciation of all classes of citizens. Under the fostering hand of our Legislature these gratifying results have been reached, and the same generous and wise oversight cannot fail to carry on this interest to still higher measures of success. Our State is attracting more and more every year the attention of emigrants and capitalists, and the great inducements which her high natural advantages present cannot but be greatly enhanced by the fact that we have such generous and wise provisions for free popular education and schools already so generally diffused throughout our borders and in such vigorous and prosperous operation. These advantages, with the blessings of an ever-favoring Providence, give us a bright and hopeful outlook for the future, and ought to assure our growing youth that they cannot hope to find better homes than are provided for them in their native State.

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State Superintendent of Free Schools.

STATISTICAL TABLES

FOR THE

SCHOOL YEAR ENDING AUG. 31, 1880.

EXPLANATION OF STATISTICAL TABLES.

TABLE A—Showing the receipts and disbursements of the Teachers' Fund.

TABLE B—Showing the receipts and expenditures of the Building Fund.

TABLE C—Showing the number and value of school houses, &c.

TABLE D—Enrollment of youth between the ages of six and twenty one years, and number attending school.

TABLE E—Sub-districts, schools, and number and grade of ceriificates.

TABLE F—Number of teachers and number of months taught.

TABLE G—Age of pupils, number studying, number of district officers, and visits from officers.

TABLE H—Amount of district levies; amount of delinquent lists; total receipts and expenditures; balance on hand; apportionment and average cost per pupil.

TABLE I—Showing the enumeration of youth and apportionment of School Fund for the School Years commencing September 1st, 1879, and September 1st, 1880; the amount of salaries paid to County Superintendents during the School Years 1878-9 and 1879-80, and the attendance at Institutes by teachers during the year 1879-80.

TABLE A.

Showing the Receipts and Disbursements of the Teachers' Fund.

COUNTIES.	Balance on hand at the beginning of school year.	Receipts for Teachers' Fund.				Salaries Paid Teachers.					Average Monthly Salaries.				
						Aggregate Salaries.					White.		Colored.		
						White.		Colored.							
		From State.	From Levy.	From other sources.	Total.	Male.	Female.	Male.	Female.	Total.	Male.	Female.	Male.	Female.	General Average.
Barbour	$ 3,238 53	$ 4 123 45	$ 2,501 42	$ 101 67	$ 9,965 07	$ 7,037 00	$ 768 00	$ 176 00	$	$ 7,981 00	$25 81	$23 50	$22 00	$	$25 59
Berkeley	1,475 85	3,433 80	8,811 45	422 63	14,143 73	8,195 97	2,606 61	1,246 60	360 00	12,409 18	27 83	27 40	25 25	22 00	27 46
Boone	456 49	1,830 05	2,899 91		5,186 55	3,280 06	803 00			4,083 06	23 80	23 80			23 80
Braxton	1,414 88	3,418 85	3,045 19	190 71	9,069 63	5,497 12	1,744 00	51 00		7,292 12	21 07	20 70	17 00		20 95
Brooke	1,495 73	1,760 70	5,171 31	643 41	9,071 15	4,952 00	3,303 50	120 00		8,375 50	39 30	33 36	30 00		36 54
Cabell	1,088 78	4,200 00	8,018 56	18 29	13,307 34	8,375 00	3,628 27	500 00		12,503 27	33 50	31 38	27 77		33 25
Calhoun	1,473 05	1,799 30	1,717 16	7 22	4,996 73	3,392 50	6.6 00			4,018 50	26 12	23 25			28 70
Clay	1,269 27	1,124 50	1,039 80	317 87	3,751 44	2,565 74	52 50			2,617 24	24 70	17 50			23 57
Doddridge	2,119 36	3,630 05	4,296 47	153 85	10,199 73	5,076 70	2,682 20			7,758 90	27 24	24 27			25 87
Fayette	432 26	3,204 55	5,134 57	1,241 00	10,012 38	5,902 25	2,254 26	262 00		8,417 51	22 27	21 00	21 83		21 97
Gilmer	1,470 93	2,440 49	1,573 21	410 91	5,895 54	2 698 00	1,000 00			3,698 00	23 73	22 56			23 44
Grant	912 75	1,794 40	3,122 92		5,830 07	3,775 88	1,272 21	211 21		5,259 30	28 69	24 91	22 00		26 28
Greenbrier	3,895 47	4,361 29	6,636 93	1 50	14,895 19	9,168 75	2,250 00	1,202 08	301 00	12,922 55	27 20	30 80	24 54	43 00	27 67
Hampshire	1,304 66	3,113 43	4,724 43	162 53	9,305 05	6,522 67	1,648 99	218 00	59 50	8,449 16	25 73	27 71	21 80	12 53	28 35
Hancock	551 29	1,471 92	3,896 71	2 75	5,922 67	3,212 00	1,865 00			5,077 00	35 66	30 33			33 75
Hardy	1,287 20	2,040 29	2,697 79		6,025 28	3,751 00	1,280 00	280 60	152 00	5,463 00	24 38	25 03	23 00	19 00	24 25
Harrison	5,926 12	7,227 54	9,642 66	953 61	23,749 93	12,700 96	4,412 41	482 39	335 00	17,930 76	29 74	30 64	35 38	20 90	30 13
Jackson	2,775 38	5,683 44	6,686 29		14,445 11	10,046 90	3,314 10	100 00		13,461 00	30 11	25 30	25 00		27 24
Jefferson	2,508 70	5,004 33	8,674 24	750 11	16,937 38	8,762 56	2,617 27	2,369 38	684 55	14,433 76	36 06	34 16	31 59	26 84	34 60
Kanawha	*306 37	10,815 82	17 613 69	2,211 81	30,641 32	16,243 83	9,502 15	2,426 00	315 00	28,486 98	35 00	30 20	33 00	31 25	31 80
Lewis	1,425 27	4,301 63	5,752 89		11,479 79	8,328 50	1,652 00	200 00		10,180 50	27 65	25 70	25 00		26 78
Lincoln	341 51	2,909 50	2,927 60		6,168 61	4 010 30	753 50			4,763 80	22 39	19 25			22 85
Logan	182 18	2,142 49	1,948 76		4,273 43	2,926 55	269 00	30 00		3,225 55	21 05	18 17	20 00		19 78
Marion	3 737 25	6,366 70	5,096 25	958 04	16,158 24	10,042 00	3,529 00			13,571 00	28 16	22 38			25 27
Marshall	5,825 68	6,764 97	7,572 20	618 87	20,781 71	10,118 10	5,671 62			15,789 72	29 61	24 92			27 67
Mason	3,830 91	8,569 90	13,389 45	290 10	26,072 36	13,557 38	7,923 62	380 00		21,861 00	37 65	28 61	31 25		33 13
Mercer	269 20	2,446 12	1,893 28		4,608 60	3,645 00	588 00	48 00	56 00	4,337 00	16 85	14 66	12 00	14 00	16 45
Mineral	1,281 69	2,654 99	4,551 11	86 57	8,574 36	4,164 27	3,662 14	326 00	70 00	8,222 41	35 04	24 76	25 00	21 00	26 46

TABLE A.—*Continued.*

COUNTIES.	Balance on hand at the beginning of school year.	Receipts for Teachers' Fund. From State.	From Levy.	From other sources.	Total.	Salaries Paid Teachers. Aggregate Salaries. White. Male.	White. Female.	Colored. Male.	Colored. Female.	Total.	Average Monthly Salaries. White. Male.	White. Female.	Colored. Male.	Colored. Female.	General Average
Monongalia	$ 814 79	$ 5,070 75	$ 4,819 25	$.....	$ 10,705 79	$ 8,[illegible] 25	$ 2,918 00	$ 9 75	.....	$ 11,117 00	$27 95	$26 30	$ 9 75	.....	$27 50
Monroe	833 87	3,519 25	6,694 56	.....	11 047 68	7,872 00	952 00	580 00	.....	9,404 00	27 73	26 60	24 25	.....	26 84
Morgan	1,221 38	1,738 70	2,396 47	134 49	5,491 04	4,747 06	314 75	225 00	.....	5,286 81	29 90	25 00	25 00	.....	29 24
McDowell	†.....	824 05	339 45	.....	1,163 50	841 60	.....	.....	.....	841 60	20 60	.....	.....	.....	20 60
Nicholas	750 36	2,451 05	2,211 61	417 34	5,830 36	4,508 79	712 32	.....	.....	5,221 11	22 27	23 00	.....	.....	22 87
Ohio	1,175 44	2,042 10	6,640 98	115 35	10,573 87	4,334 89	4,528 08	20 20	.....	8,883 17	33 37	31 52	.....	.....	32 42
Pendleton	1,367 79	2,704 25	3,205 63	5 82	7,283 49	5,838 49	542 00	116 00	.....	6,496 49	22 10	22 58	18 00	.....	20 89
Pleasants	751 23	2,034 15	2,930 35	213 33	5,929 06	3,075 92	1,574 00	.....	.....	4,649 92	28 46	28 77	.....	.....	28 67
Pocahontas	839 69	1,635 05	3,220 85	.....	5,695 59	3,481 50	1,153 00	163 00	.....	4,797 50	21 25	1[illegible] 66	18 50	.....	20 04
Preston	3,485 60	6,830 23	7,774 45	1,638 25	19,728 53	13,184 03	2,556 00	84 00	139 17	15,963 20	28 68	24 12	28 00	24 00	27 19
Putnam	904 85	3,868 35	5,606 66	18 05	10,397 91	7,241 75	1,993 20	100 00	100 00	9,434 95	29 97	27 44	25 00	25 00	29 25
Raleigh	679 25	2,483 34	2,297 87	132 81	5,593 27	4,189 16	884 00	.....	.....	5,073 16	18 36	18 76	.....	.....	18 73
Randolph	970 20	2,607 50	2,448 60	240 32	6,266 62	4,461 54	801 30	.....	.....	5,262 84	23 23	21 95	.....	.....	23 03
Ritchie	2,115 82	4,324 20	5,847 53	2,099 90	14,385 45	7,901 00	2,872 00	.....	.....	10,773 00	24 37	25 85	.....	.....	25 11
Roane	1,003 71	3,917 19	4,369 50	254 42	9,544 82	7,140 68	877 60	6 00	.....	8,024 28	25 41	20 41	.....	.....	24 76
Summers	327 69	2,683 15	3,803 56	24 07	6,838 47	4,493 55	328 50	344 00	.....	5,166 05	22 28	18 91	22 40	.....	22 08
Taylor	3,478 88	3,922 48	2,575 31	740 76	10,717 43	6,498 06	2,757 66	.....	.....	9,255 72	30 08	30 13	.....	.....	30 34
Tucker	983 00	937 75	1,137 87	28 00	3,086 62	1,486 00	427 00	.....	.....	1,913 00	17 50	15 00	.....	.....	17 67
Tyler	1,143 41	3,899 38	4,402 02	.....	9,444 81	7,683 51	798 00	.....	.....	8,481 51	29 65	29 55	.....	.....	29 66
Upshur	1,437 67	3,542 40	3,219 54	701 85	8,901 46	6,427 66	1,693 34	.....	.....	8,121 00	24 51	23 34	.....	.....	24 47
Wayne	257 56	5,298 47	4,417 93	54 13	10,028 09	8,034 00	2,296 00	.....	.....	10,330 00	25 88	24 58	.....	.....	25 60
Webster	†.....	978 90	586 68	1,843 06	3,408 64	1,493 50	193 50	.....	.....	1,687 00	20 44	21 33	.....	.....	20 55
Wetzel	1,340 62	5,078 00	4,442 17	145 75	11,006 44	7,175 43	2,468 00	.....	.....	9,643 43	27 29	27 63	.....	.....	27 44
Wirt	1,651 45	2,369 35	3,313 44	710 77	8,045 01	4,901 00	974 00	.....	.....	5,875 00	32 45	26 32	.....	.....	31 25
Wood	4,676 82	8,477 55	20,054 51	1,230 43	34,439 36	17,217 77	12,947 46	540 00	595 00	31,300 23	37 92	31 81	60 00	42 50	38 15
Wyoming	241 86	1,317 56	591 78	112 78	2,263 98	1,108 92	90 00	.....	.....	1,198 92	18 60	18 00	.....	.....	18 33
‡Martinsburg City	1,110 60	2,440 05	4,865 53	773 60	9,189 78	2,200 00	3,449 30	500 00	150 00	6,299 30	55 00	29 61	50 00	15 00	37 40
Wheeling City	3,180 69	11,021 93	39,081 92	549 10	53,833 61	6,600 00	31,643 00	800 00	360 00	39,403 00	100 00	38 12	80 00	36 00	43 30
Totals	$88,729 59	$206,336 77	$304,332 27	$22,727 83	$622,126 46	$350,276 05	$154,423 36	$14,116 61	$ 3,677 22	$522,493 24	$27 70	$29 28	$29 22	$28 72	$28 19

*In debt $306.37. †Imperfect report. ‡Last year's report.

TABLE

Showing the Receipts and Dis-

COUNTIES.	Balance on hand at the Beginning of School Year.	RECEIPTS FOR BUILDING FUND.			EXPENDITURES—ORDERS			
		From Levy for Building Fund.	From other sources for the Building Fund.	Total.	For Land.	For Houses.	For Rent.	For Repairs.
Barbour	$ 2,425 49	$ 2,709 56	$ 39 78	$ 5,174 81	$ 20 00	$ 457 00	$.....	$ 713 54
Berkeley	993 62	2,586 35	111 58	3,691 55	50 00	835 50	167 00	713 92
Boone	491 45	959 03	.....	1,450 48	59 00	282 50	.....	69 35
Braxton	479 84	2,878 59	1,651 50	5,009 93	25 00	2,373 50	.....	167 51
Brooke	984 28	1,377 94	50 55	2,412 77	.....	.....	20 00	191 71
Cabell	926 27	5,173 29	167 14	6,266 70	32 50	2,423 69	95 00	772 70
Calhoun	279 25	1,723 08	4 51	2,006 84	.....	780 45	2 50	85 21
Clay	906 20	832 92	176 02	1,915 14	.....	271 25	.....	111 17
Doddridge	322 32	2,606 40	208 20	3,136 92	408 40	1,404 74	55 00	335 00
Fayette	168 38	2,957 96	733 81	3,860 15	.....	1,295 00	22 00	126 70
Gilmer	201 92	1,666 32	199 14	2,067 38	4 75	988 50	.....	21 47
Grant	444 13	2,951 14	18 34	3,413 61	10 00	1,669 28	.....	38 10
Greenbrier	1,941 50	4,044 69	22	5,986 41	57 50	1,667 56	72 50	463 10
Hampshire	285 74	2,534 92	.....	2,820 66	20 00	649 87	29 00	592 48
Hancock	871 23	2,743 53	63 69	3,678 45	.....	593 94	.....	269 25
Hardy	523 71	1,463 63	50 38	2,037 72	70 00	683 50	.....	70 38
Harrison	2,335 70	5,900 14	115 24	8,351 08	64 00	1,689 00	36 00	1,363 27
Jackson	1,803 99	5,172 65	.....	6,976 64	200 00	2,596 59	28 00	480 24
Jefferson	765 67	4,251 30	513 93	5,530 90	45 00	325 00	146 25	228 60
Kanawha	†2,219 33	10,076 24	701 89	10,778 13	101 50	804 46	268 36	2,587 60
Lewis	690 54	2,966 28	56 50	3,713 32	.....	982 50	30 00	388 31
Lincoln	119 91	2,136 06	21 99	2,277 96	16 00	690 94	.....	204 50
Logan	103 77	1,065 93	.....	1,169 70	20 00	515 86	8 00	15 30
Marion	622 78	4,625 67	353 20	5,601 65	115 00	1,111 39	.....	932 43
Marshall	907 77	12,182 55	693 69	13,784 01	100 00	4,138 15	6 00	1,914 05
Mason	4,005 99	9,359 53	1,902 41	15,267 93	45 00	3,724 29	101 85	1,468 99
Mercer	1,003 44	886 77	.....	1,890 21	5 00	298 03	31 95	160 50
Mineral	1,281 19	4,826 89	.....	6,108 08	40 00	2,260 38	110 50	364 36
Monongalia	801 74	3,370 91	.....	3,181 65	78 37	953 10	39 90	776 18
Monroe	28 80	3,075 11	.....	3,103 91	90 00	1,296 50	35 00	147 76
Morgan	636 39	3,124 36	450 95	4,211 70	1 00	.....	9 00	435 35
McDowell	*1,840 31	3,374 53	53 93	5,268 77	700 00	1,730 85	50 00	71 00
Nicholas	362 20	1,381 38	842 38	2,585 96	133 30	564 00	8 03	59 36
Ohio	1,318 77	5,614 22	132 99	7,065 98	75 00	2,657 75	.....	360 02
Pendleton	521 59	769 07	.....	1,290 66	.....	127 00	19 00	89 46
Pleasants	317 37	2,889 64	717 24	3,924 35	52 00	1,302 81	.....	166 22
Pocahontas	970 85	1,172 06	.....	2,142 91	10 00	489 50	.....	121 25
Preston	2,001 18	5,275 30	747 38	8,023 86	90 00	2,173 00	.....	1,295 45
Putnam	590 27	3,785 67	150 00	4,505 94	68 00	1,388 50	6 00	403 59
Raleigh	496 76	1,564 78	33 00	2,094 54	.....	507 10	6 00	340 02
Randolph	108 72	1,994 14	145 46	2,248 32	.....	1,089 53	13 00	133 41
Ritchie	1,783 36	4,327 71	565 87	6,676 94	29 00	1,783 05	12 50	368 37
Roane	327 37	3,042 94	.....	3,370 31	.....	1,192 24	.....	147 96
Summers	†139 16	1,702 55	.....	1,702 55	5 00	1,131 45	36 50	225 96
Taylor	885 77	1,719 32	591 39	3,196 48	.....	1,000 00	57 62	948 67
Tucker	948 63	1,093 12	25 58	1,467 33	1 00	.....	7 00	120 50
Tyler	49 39	3,864 34	.....	3,913 73	.....	1,308 42	15 00	363 46
Upshur	328 60	2,038 06	53 56	2,419 22	7 00	519 26	.....	266 80
Wayne	107 00	3,082 23	2 25	3,191 48	137 00	773 73	20 50	374 84
Webster	*.....	640 89	1,687 00	2,327 89	.....	.....	.....	.....
Wetzel	1,392 94	5,198 17	1,228 62	7,819 73	101 00	1,074 35	55 00	610 21
Wirt	584 91	2,758 02	709 32	4,052 25	.....	130 00	2 00	253 53
Wood	1,971 88	11,999 20	17 50	13,988 60	570 00	2,694 88	61 00	1,257 26
Wyoming	165 35	525 36	16 00	706 71	.....	.....	.....	150 00
Martinsburg C'y	‡641 01	4,057 71	386 80	5,085 52	.....	.....	.....	644 16
Wheeling City	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	230 00	1,801 36
Total	$45,076 24	$186,100 15	$43,390 93	$274,567 32	$3,656 32	$61,399 89	$ 1,712 96	$26,781 69

*Partial report only. ‡From last year's report. †In debt.

B.

bursements of the Building Fund.

ISSUED ON THE BUILDING FUND.

For Furniture.	For Apparatus.	For Interest.	For Enumeration of Youth.	For Commission.	For Fuel.	For Sweeping Buildings and Making Fires.	For Contingencies.	Paid to Secretaries of Boards of Education.	Total amount of Orders issued on Building Fund.
$ 4 00	$.....	$ 119 15	$ 4 00	$ 61 18	$ 427 02	$ 490 68	$ 210 05	$ 155 00	$ 2,661 62
187 25	11 00	36 00	23 50	176 84	568 31	17 70	446 87	115 00	3,348 89
23 00	.....	.....	.....	64 11	190 75	.....	39 00	125 00	852 71
.....	16 50	24 00	.....	84 84	536 20	15 00	307 97	120 00	3,670 52
141 79	11 10	.....	10 00	41 28	248 24	295 20	292 18	65 00	1,316 50
352 95	431 75	87 92	38 50	291 59	578 38	290 45	486 52	175 00	6,056 95
17 15	50	22 82	11 00	28 43	208 83	.....	15 74	92 50	1,265 13
28 05	1 20	.....	8 00	49 27	259 71	.....	55 65	125 00	909 30
199 42	.....	324 37	13 00	132 08	487 10	164 50	229 96	105 00	3,858 57
31 54	1 75	.....	.....	150 06	401 03	595 27	310 95	100 00	3,034 30
107 23	.....	5 60	.....	38 39	336 73	103 10	34 60	65 00	1,705 37
98 08	.....	.....	1 50	96 49	165 87	28 00	157 99	110 00	5,375 31
32 86	18 60	.....	36 00	285 34	463 60	95 10	292 11	215 00	3,699 27
181 29	13 75	28 15	49 75	225 09	268 57	18 70	144 48	170 00	2,387 13
729 33	.....	45 40	.....	95 52	198 89	307 95	113 30	75 00	2,428 58
86 81	.....	1 21	.....	124 86	263 24	8 00	133 06	100 00	1,541 06
7 70	.....	.....	17 00	465 77	648 67	878 77	496 29	248 00	5,934 47
235 04	.....	10 97	.....	147 74	781 27	220 10	501 95	130 00	5,331 90
66 00	4 50	143 99	.....	373 40	455 79	41 00	1,571 19	125 00	3,525 72
203 04	67 00	144 96	.....	546 77	1,387 23	956 85	528 43	270 00	7,866 20
7 03	.....	.....	.....	160 74	492 71	236 00	272 28	120 00	2,689 57
26 23	52 90	.....	2 00	97 18	399 96	34 00	48 75	200 00	1,772 46
.....	.....	18 00	29 00	29 93	40 85	.....	121 50	122 50	920 94
250 35	104 69	12 37	.....	189 80	651 30	1,000 72	351 20	135 00	5,034 25
506 67	26 63	291 68	39 00	627 25	1,504 06	966 50	1,683 35	180 00	11,983 34
631 16	355 09	298 84	12 00	289 76	1,136 39	1,181 80	680 98	265 00	10,191 15
15 00	1 00	10 60	.....	63 32	4 00	.....	389 55	110 00	1,088 95
270 99	1 50	21 69	35 50	168 20	331 91	203 92	178 27	140 00	4,127 22
13 57	13 75	.....	.....	250 85	535 03	340 10	.....	195 00	3,195 85
132 27	.....	.....	10 00	162 74	461 70	31 00	55 87	150 00	2,572 88
79 15	3 00	191 00	14 00	557 39	326 34	128 50	151 00	111 00	2,006 73
32 86	.....	.....	46 00	632 05	248 34	116 50	535 10	135 00	4,298 11
.....	.....	12 85	24 50	69 55	242 20	.....	389 13	139 00	1,641 92
313 93	138 95	495 66	2 50	171 02	355 62	564 10	624 30	90 00	5,848 85
9 00	33 21	17 00	24 00	14 63	173 03	13 83	63 06	140 00	723 22
138 10	.....	.....	11 00	104 48	314 86	105 32	53 33	127 00	2,375 12
8 75	.....	.....	1 50	29 53	90 00	.....	150 38	110 00	1,010 91
155 31	63 95	6 87	12 00	380 35	878 07	652 60	816 94	199 50	6,719 84
90 53	310 00	5 40	33 00	295 05	577 06	57 00	259 43	185 00	3,678 56
55 44	1 90	1 89	.....	74 44	245 80	.....	51 44	175 00	1,459 03
42 37	.....	.....	33 50	136 38	344 02	106 66	114 66	161 00	2,174 63
150 26	.....	.....	13 00	251 04	895 07	348 75	334 77	125 00	4,230 81
112 65	.....	.....	33 00	2 15	202 32	12 00	220 66	145 00	2,067 78
18 90	11 74	.....	24 50	60 71	107 82	.....	504 68	133 00	2,260 26
226 16	42 50	127 84	18 00	223 02	337 23	225 22	673 06	155 00	4,134 32
63 00	55	.....	.....	24 71	125 53	.....	6 00	100 00	448 34
186 12	.....	8 80	41 88	147 19	671 84	309 85	409 56	130 00	3,592 12
67 91	14 35	15 25	17 50	81 63	351 30	133 90	77 80	140 00	1,692 73
98 00	.....	.....	3 00	121 15	522 05	8 95	168 88	175 00	2,403 10
.....	5 00	.....	9 00	.....	57 25	.....	.....	75 00	146 25
69 66	.....	.....	.....	159 52	787 53	336 03	17 35	120 00	3,330 65
54 02	55 25	90 34	23 18	209 35	425 06	146 25	81 90	197 00	1,664 88
447 48	124 76	95 00	10 59	372 02	1,676 60	931 00	720 75	266 66	9,227 00
.....	.....	.....	1 00	25 54	67 85	.....	182 95	55 00	482 68
.....	108 56	541 70	10 00	375 11	469 30	473 00	569 40	100 00	3,371 23
.....	.....	128 34	100 00	1,098 80	1,905 84	1,713 00	1,164 31	‡1,700 00	9,841 65
$ 7,005 40	$ 2,046 93	$ 3,386 66	$ 846 40	$ 7,495 84	$26,831 27	$14,903 37	$18,510 88	$10,492 06	$185,069 67

‡Includes Superintendent's sal ry.

TABLE C.

Showing the Number and Value of School Houses, &c.

COUNTIES.	SCHOOL HOUSES.						SCHOOL HOUSES AND OTHER PROPERTY.					Number of Volumes in Library
	Frame.	Brick.	Stone.	Log.	Whole Number.	Aggregate Value.	Value of Furniture.	Value of Apparatus	Value of Library.	Value of Land.	Total Value of all School Property.	
Barbour	66	.....	.....	14	80	$ 28,500 00	$ 108 00	$ 357 00	$	$ 1,312 00	$ 30,270 00	.....
Berkeley	35	10	2	5	52	17,375 00	1,685 00	280 00	.....	1,633 00	20,973 00	.....
Boone	2	.....	.....	45	47	7,000 00	385 00	.....	.....	270 00	7,655 00	.....
Braxton	23	.....	.....	55	78	23,275 00	225 00	.....	.....	755 00	24,255 00	.....
Brooke	23	4	.....	.....	27	35,400 00	1,425 00	403 50	500 00	3,425 00	41,153 50	500
Cabell	39	4	.....	8	51	22,000 00	2,680 00	112 50	.....	4,195 00	28,987 50	.....
Calhoun	9	.....	.....	27	36	6,499 00	150 00	190 00	.....	234 50	7,073 50	.....
Clay	2	.....	.....	27	29	6,270 00	377 00	2 30	.....	185 00	6,834 30	.....
Doddridge	56	.....	.....	12	68	20,090 00	2,105 00	160 00	.....	2,606 00	24,961 00	.....
Fayette	22	.....	.....	51	73	11,620 00	151 00	155 00	6 00	468 50	12,400 50	6
Gilmer	17	.....	.....	47	64	13,480 00	1,017 00	160 00	.....	461 00	15,118 00	.....
Grant	25	4	.....	17	46	15,001 00	1,335 00	10 00	12 00	660 00	17,018 00	12
Greenbrier	40	3	1	48	92	28,805 00	2,488 00	.....	.....	2,319 00	33,612 00	.....
Hampshire	55	1	.....	22	78	22,486 00	763 00	82 00	.....	811 00	24,142 00	.....
Hancock	20	3	.....	.....	23	21,150 00	2,295 00	50 00	300 00	1,465 00	25,260 00	152
Hardy	16	2	.....	33	51	12,375 00	1,030 00	30 00	.....	1,365 00	14,800 00	.....
Harrison	111	2	.....	1	114	54,693 00	1,485 00	105 00	.....	4,205 00	60,488 00	.....
Jackson	72	.....	.....	44	116	32,247 00	1,150 00	25 00	.....	3,885 00	37,307 00	.....
Jefferson	17	11	2	7	37	17,670 00	1,894 50	95 00	.....	2,045 00	21,704 50	.....
Kanawha	85	1	.....	57	143	56,562 00	4,556 00	1,520 00	50 00	10,640 00	73,328 00	100
Lewis	62	1	.....	20	83	27,700 00	1,350 00	50 00	.....	2,720 00	31,820 00	.....
Lincoln	7	.....	.....	55	62	10,311 00	306 00	420 00	.....	347 00	11,384 00	.....
Logan	1	.....	.....	60	61	4,455 00	.....	.....	.....	380 00	4,835 00	.....
Marion	105	3	.....	.....	108	60,875 00	5,168 00	741 00	72 00	3,502 00	70,360 00	76
Marshall	82	2	1	10	95	62,432 00	3,665 00	1,091 00	.....	5,482 00	72,670 00	.....
Mason	81	5	.....	25	111	53,126 25	3,147 50	1,394 50	.....	6,157 00	63,825 25	.....
Mercer	3	.....	.....	55	58	4,967 00	.....	220 00	.....	475 00	5,662 00	.....

TABLE C—*Continued.*

COUNTIES.	SCHOOL HOUSES.						SCHOOL HOUSES AND OTHER PROPERTY.					
	Frame.	Brick.	Stone.	Log.	Whole Number.	Aggregate Value.	Value of Furniture.	Value of Apparatus	Value of Library.	Value of Land.	Total Value of all School Property.	Number of Volumes in Library.
Mineral	33	4	.....	5	42	$ 19,615 00	$ 2,423 00	$ 63 25	$	$ 1,706 00	$ 23,807 25	.....
Monongalia§	83	1	.....	.....	84	44,956 00	2,185 00	68 00	.....	1,358 00	48,[illegible]67 00	.....
Monroe	68	1	.....	11	80	20,815 00	.....	.....	.....	1,567 00	22,382 00	.....
Morgan	22	1	.....	5	28	15,101 00	941 00	12 00	.....	1,281 00	17,350 00	.....
McDowell*	.....	.....	.....	13	13	640 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	640 00	.....
Nicholas	10	.....	.....	35	45	9,139 00	183 00	9 00	.....	305 00	9,636 00	.....
Ohio	32	2	.....	.....	34	33,653 00	3,975 00	517 00	.....	2,515 00	40,660 00	.....
Pendleton	30	.....	.....	41	71	10,669 00	999 00	138 00	.....	630 00	12,436 00	.....
Pleasants	34	.....	.....	2	36	13,443 00	504 00	222 00	.....	620 00	14,787 00	.....
Pocahontas	29	2	.....	25	56	10,728 00	860 00	10 00	.....	860 00	12,458 00	.....
Preston	127	1	.....	1	129	57,700 00	3,315 00	923 00	.....	5,173 00	67,111 00	.....
Putnam	43	1	.....	25	69	14,990 00	629 00	676 50	20 00	1,445 00	17,760 50	40
Raleigh	2	.....	.....	67	69	7,987 00	240 00	20 99	.....	259 00	8,506 90	.....
Randolph	33	.....	.....	23	56	12,510 00	881 00	.....	.....	1,126 00	14,517 00	.....
Ritchie	54	1	.....	39	94	22,140 00	3,059 00	291 00	12 00	1,760 00	27,253 00	.....
Roane	38	.....	.....	46	84	12,640 00	1,655 00	135 00	.....	764 00	15,194 00	.....
Summers	16	.....	.....	43	59	12,344 00	.....	240 00	.....	520 00	13,104 40	.....
Taylor	45	2	.....	1	48	32,950 00	1,383 00	320 60	.....	4,860 00	39,513 00	.....
Tucker	19	.....	.....	6	25	5,808 50	190 00	98 00	.....	134 75	6,231 25	.....
Tyler	39	1	.....	7	67	20,280 00	532 25	276 50	.....	1,107 00	22,195 75	.....
Upshur	73	.....		1	74	28,165 00	919 50	19 00	.....	1,284 00	30,417 50	.....
Wayne	10	1		82	93	12,418 00	353 00	89 00	.....	1,765 00	14,625 00	.....
Webster	2	.....		13	15	1,760 00	.....	.....	.....	150 00	1,910 00	.....
Wetzel	63	1		23	87	22,120 00	1,084 00	.....	.....	1,205 00	24,409 00	.....
Wirt	38	.....		7	45	16,625 00	930 00	159 00	.....	785 00	18,499 00	.....
Wood	100	5		9	114	67,815 00	2,966 00	560 00	200 00	12,771 00	84,312 00	.....
Wyoming§	2	.....		41	43	3,970 22	219 50	.....	.....	197 00	4,386 72	.....
Martinsburg City§	1	5	.....	.....	6	24,000 00	3,000 00	350 00	.....	6,000 00	33,350 00	.....
Wheeling City	.....	8	.....	.....	8	169,608 95	14,570 74	1,000 00	.....	51,500 00	236,679 69	.....
Total	2,142	93	6	1,316	3,557	$1,400,954 92	$88,958 99	$13,851 35	$1,172 00	$ 165,650 75	$1,670,588 01	886

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TABLE

Enumeration of School Youth Between 6 *and* 16 *and* 16 *and* 21 *Years of Age*

COUNTIES.	White.				Colored.				Total White and Colored.					
	Ages bet. 6 and 16.		Ages bet. 16. and 21.		Ages bet. 6 and 16.		Ages bet. 16 and 21.		Ages bet. 6 and 16.		Ages bet. 16 and 21.		Both colors bet. 16 and 21.	
	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.
Barbour	1,591	1,420	546	449	68	48	22	16	1,659	1,468	568	465	2,227	1,933
Berkeley	†2,011	1,830	480	453	311	262	55	45	2,322	2,092	535	498	2,857	2,590
Boone	909	669	197	146	.....	.....	.....	.....	909	669	197	146	1,106	815
Braxton	1,402	1,291	430	398	8	10	17	6	1,410	1,301	447	404	1,857	1,705
Brooke	736	758	256	247	11	16	3	5	747	774	259	252	1,006	1,026
Cabell	1,593	1,476	493	450	64	70	20	10	1,657	1,546	513	460	2,170	2,006
Calhoun	816	718	259	217	6	13	4	2	822	731	263	219	1,085	950
Clay	527	475	161	129	.....	.....	.....	.....	527	475	161	129	688	604
Doddridge	1,513	1,392	487	354	6	9	2	1	1,519	1,401	489	355	2,008	1,756
Fayette	1,261	1,109	436	315	63	75	14	12	1,324	1,184	450	327	1,774	1,511
Gilmer	978	904	348	273	5	4	.....	.....	983	908	348	273	1,331	1,181
Grant	711	577	211	176	69	51	11	13	780	628	222	189	1,002	817
Greenbrier	1,540	1,481	550	468	265	227	53	63	1,805	1,708	603	531	2,408	2,239
Hampshire	1,155	1,133	411	336	84	65	18	21	1,239	1,198	429	357	1,668	1,555
Hancock	594	577	226	224	4	2	.....	.....	598	579	226	224	824	803
Hardy	826	771	242	186	104	94	31	23	930	865	273	209	1,203	1,074
Harrison	2,595	2,440	985	836	130	103	46	37	2,725	2,543	1,031	873	3,756	3,416
Jackson	2,311	2,086	691	534	8	7	4	7	2,319	2,093	695	541	3,014	2,634
Jefferson	1,291	1,258	429	353	521	447	160	119	1,812	1,705	589	472	2,401	2,177
Kanawha	4,287	3,774	1,224	979	371	358	118	84	4,658	4,132	1,332	1,063	6,000	5,195
Lewis	1,716	1,523	518	448	35	38	8	10	1,751	1,561	526	458	2,227	2,019
Lincoln	1,273	1,093	424	300	8	5	3	2	1,281	1,098	427	302	1,708	1,400
Logan	943	783	271	237	14	9	3	1	957	792	274	238	1,231	1,030
Marion	2,359	2,160	899	765	17	16	4	5	2,376	2,176	903	770	3,279	2,946
Marshall	2,500	2,313	870	746	15	7	7	4	2,515	2,320	877	750	3,392	3,070
Mason	3,153	2,968	1,001	847	127	109	29	23	3,280	3,077	1,030	870	4,310	3,947
Mercer	964	873	301	271	26	29	7	11	990	902	308	282	1,298	1,184
Mineral	1,076	1,022	262	266	51	61	22	19	1 127	1,083	284	285	1,411	1,368
Monongalia	1,769	1,731	700	599	45	33	8	6	1,814	1,764	708	605	2,522	2,369
Monroe	1,384	1,192	423	327	148	136	26	35	1,532	1,328	449	362	1,981	1,690
Morgan	770	691	250	171	32	33	7	4	802	724	257	175	1,059	899
*McDowell	482	411	148	93	.....	.....	.....	.....	482	411	148	93	630	504
Nicholas	1,007	966	316	272	7	9	5	2	1,014	975	321	274	1,335	1,249
Ohio	801	873	323	244	14	12	5	3	815	885	328	247	1,143	1,132
Pendleton	1,008	976	375	344	17	16	1	4	1,025	992	376	348	1,401	1,340
Pleasants	854	719	245	211	.....	.....	2	2	854	719	247	213	1,101	932
Pocahontas	684	669	193	168	48	49	12	5	732	718	205	173	937	891
Preston	2,613	2,397	906	714	28	22	8	15	2,641	2,419	914	729	3,355	3,148
Putnam	1,545	1,429	457	426	36	35	19	13	1,581	1,464	476	439	2,057	1,903
Raleigh	1,055	955	324	257	6	11	.....	.....	1,061	966	324	257	1,385	1,223
Randolph	1,018	1,028	331	281	5	10	2	8	1,023	1,038	333	289	1,356	1,327
Ritchie	1,753	1,490	515	490	1	1	.....	.....	1,754	1,491	515	490	2,269	1,981
Roane	1,744	1,588	570	415	2	2	.....	.....	1,746	1,590	570	415	2,316	2,005
Summers	994	876	351	298	84	89	26	24	1,078	965	377	322	1,455	1,287
Taylor	1,444	1,384	486	406	75	72	11	10	1,519	1,456	497	416	2,016	1,872
Tucker	415	364	134	125	1	1	.....	.....	416	365	134	125	550	490
Tyler	1,516	1,459	527	442	.....	2	.....	.....	1,516	1,461	527	442	2,043	1,903
Upshur	1,369	1,224	426	472	34	29	6	8	1,403	1,273	432	479	1,835	1,752
Wayne	2,111	2,013	596	446	28	21	5	4	2,139	2,034	600	450	2,739	2,484
Webster	434	453	133	117	.....	.....	.....	.....	434	453	133	117	567	570
Wetzel	2,128	1,812	701	565	.....	.....	.....	.....	2,128	1,812	701	565	2,829	2,367
Wirt	990	941	313	250	.....	1	.....	.....	990	942	313	250	1,303	1,192
Wood	3,166	3 093	996	960	92	112	37	27	3,258	3,205	1,033	987	4.291	4,192
Wyoming	665	561	183	169	10	10	1	1	675	571	184	170	859	741
M'tinsb'g C'y	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Wheel'g C'y	3,977	3,766	1,440	1,468	82	103	31	36	4,059	3,869	1,471	1,504	5,530	5,373
Total	80,327	73,935	25,970	22,132	3,186	2,944	873	746	83,513	76,879	26,843	22,878	110.356	99,757

*Imperfect report.
†Figures given are from last year's report. Superintendents failed to report.
‡Including Martinsburg.

D.

for School Year Ending August 31, 1880, *and Number Attending School.*

Whole Number.	Number Attending School.							Daily Average Attendance.						
	White.			Colored.			Whole Number.	White			Colored.			Whole Number.
	Males.	Females.	Total.	Males.	Females.	Total.		Males.	Females.	Total.	Males.	Females.	Total.	
4,160	1,770	1,320	3,090	55	43	98	3,188	1,113	804	1,917	24	21	45	1,962
5,496	1,376	1,026	2,402	135	113	248	2,650	679	572	1,251	70	65	135	1,386
1,921	770	668	1,438	33	29	62	1,500	374	326	700	5	13	18	718
3,562	1,484	1,128	2,612	18	7	25	2,637	917	737	1,654	9	5	14	1,668
2,032	669	650	1,319	5	10	15	1,334	464	474	938	4	8	12	950
4,176	1,439	1,226	2,665	54	57	111	2,776	878	813	1,691	33	39	72	1,763
2,035	730	665	1,395	.....	.....	.....	1,395	422	388	810	.....	.....	.....	810
1,292	527	364	891	.....	.....	.....	891	294	205	499	.....	.....	.....	499
3,764	1,540	1,271	2,811	1	1	2	2,813	940	751	1,691	.....	.....	.....	1,691
3,285	1,777	972	2,149	30	41	71	2,220	662	566	1,228	17	28	45	1,273
2,512	1,000	802	1,802	.....	.....	.....	1,802	601	477	1,078	.....	.....	.....	1,078
1,819	703	529	1,232	60	52	112	1,344	442	331	773	42	29	71	844
4,649	1,479	1,209	2,688	143	141	284	2,972	920	765	1,685	95	93	188	1,873
3,223	1,227	1,055	2,282	58	49	107	2,389	827	689	1,516	36	31	67	1,583
1,627	443	414	857	.....	.....	.....	857	316	308	624	.....	.....	.....	624
2,277	785	656	1,441	73	77	150	1,591	472	367	839	65	68	133	972
7,172	2,701	2,157	4,858	46	56	102	4,960	1,754	1,385	3,139	34	41	75	3,214
5,646	2,511	2,117	4,628	11	8	19	4,647	1,719	1,377	3,096	8	5	13	3,109
4,578	1,043	807	1,850	389	275	664	2,514	502	407	909	176	154	330	1,239
11,185	3,269	2,946	6,215	236	225	461	6,676	2,068	1,826	3,894	177	166	343	4,237
4,296	1,675	1,387	3,062	14	17	31	3,093	1,128	881	2,009	12	15	27	2,036
3,108	1,119	1,037	2,156	.....	.....	.....	2,156	746	664	1,410	.....	.....	.....	1,410
2,261	655	492	1,147	5	4	9	1,156	425	331	756	4	4	8	764
6,225	2,689	2,191	4,880	13	17	30	4,910	1,888	1,492	3,380	11	13	24	3,404
6,462	2,440	2,144	4,584	13	12	25	4,609	1,658	1,463	3,121	6	9	15	3,136
8,257	2,780	2,536	5,316	70	71	141	5,457	1,849	1,705	3,554	48	52	100	3,654
2,482	888	765	1,653	13	19	32	1,685	539	453	992	11	13	24	1,016
2,779	839	775	1,614	61	54	115	1,729	606	535	1,141	40	31	71	1,212
4,891	2,182	1,728	3,910	21	20	41	3,951	1,571	1,222	2,793	19	17	36	2,829
3,671	1,387	1,065	2,452	105	87	192	2,644	972	691	1,663	69	61	130	1,793
1,958	714	579	1,293	28	28	56	1,349	410	336	746	19	19	38	784
1,134	204	152	356	.....	.....	.....	356	146	100	246	.....	.....	.....	246
2,584	846	758	1,604	.....	.....	.....	1,604	554	485	1,039	.....	.....	.....	1,039
2,275	768	721	1,489	21	16	37	1,526	411	400	811	15	10	25	836
2,741	1,163	962	2,125	14	15	29	2,154	701	572	1,273	11	10	21	1,294
2,033	760	651	1,411	.....	.....	.....	1,411	475	416	891	.....	.....	.....	891
1,828	711	633	1,344	31	33	64	1,408	499	432	931	19	15	34	965
6,703	2,782	2,349	5,131	24	12	36	5,167	1,871	1,511	3,382	14	8	22	3,404
3,960	1,410	1,180	2,590	24	27	51	2,641	878	765	1,643	21	25	46	1,689
2,608	1,003	861	1,864	.....	.....	.....	1,864	602	464	1,066	.....	.....	.....	1,066
2,683	926	740	1,666	.....	.....	.....	1,666	557	488	1,045	.....	.....	.....	1,045
4,250	1,739	1,452	3,191	.....	.....	.....	3,191	1,202	1,014	2,216	.....	.....	.....	2,216
4,321	1,835	1,401	3,236	.....	.....	.....	3,236	1,097	846	1,943	.....	.....	.....	1,943
2,742	987	797	1,784	77	59	136	1,920	631	491	1,122	52	43	95	1,217
3,880	1,209	1,111	2,320	19	26	45	2,365	928	821	1,749	14	20	34	1,783
1,040	360	318	678	.....	.....	.....	678	280	195	475	.....	.....	.....	475
3,946	1,551	1,264	2,815	.....	.....	.....	2,815	1,011	836	1,847	.....	.....	.....	1,847
3,587	1,457	1,249	2,706	15	19	34	2,740	872	753	1,625	12	13	25	1,650
5,224	1,922	1,718	3,640	12	13	25	3,665	1,106	1,052	2,158	12	11	23	2,181
1,137	297	244	541	.....	.....	.....	541	202	167	369	.....	.....	.....	369
5,196	1,938	1,577	3,515	.....	.....	.....	3,515	1,110	903	2,013	.....	.....	.....	2,013
2,495	926	824	1,750	.....	.....	.....	1,750	584	508	1,092	.....	.....	.....	1,092
8,473	2,886	2,783	5,669	87	104	191	5,860	1,944	1,878	3,822	73	88	161	3,983
1,600	582	420	1,005	.....	.....	.....	1,002	429	278	707	.....	.....	.....	707
.....	422	570	992	53	50	103	1,095	360	480	840	42	40	82	922
10,903	2,378	2,290	4,668	52	65	117	4,785	1,637	1,583	3,220	37	43	80	3,300
210,113	75,073	63,706	138,779	2,119	1,952	4,071	142,850	48,243	40,779	89,022	1,356	1,326	2,682	91,604

TABLE E.

Showing number of Districts, Sub-Districts, Schools, Number and Grade of Certificates granted to Teachers.

COUNTIES.	Districts		Schools.					Examination and Grade of Certificates Granted				
	Number of Districts	No of sub-Dist'cs.	Union.	High.	Graded.	Common.	Whole Number.	No. 1.	No. 2.	No. 3.	Whole Number.	Number Rejected.
Barbour	8	80	.....	.....	.....	81	81	30	49	8	87	.....
Berkeley	7	28	.....	.....	2	56	58	30	21	4	55	1
Boone	5	45	.....	.....	.....	47	47	13	17	3	33	.....
Braxton	6	85	.....	.....	1	85	86	40	23	6	69	.....
Brooke	3	26	2	1	2	23	28	22	8	1	31	.....
Cabell	7	54	.....	.....	3	66	69	20	60	16	96	3
Calhoun	5	40	.....	.....	.....	40	40	8	13	4	25	2
Clay	5	23	.....	.....	.....	31	31	17	6	2	25	.....
Doddridge	8	73	.....	1	1	71	73	9	39	26	74	11
Fayette	4	84	.....	.....	.....	77	77	16	21	11	48	4
Gilmer	5	64	.....	.....	1	63	64	23	27	13	63	7
Grant	5	52	3	.....	1	44	48	7	27	7	41	.....
Greenbrier	10	70	.....	.....	2	100	102	13	37	23	73	2
Hampshire	7	70	6	.....	.....	78	84	8	26	46	80	2
Hancock	4	23	.....	.....	1	24	25	11	9	8	28	1
Hardy	4	27	1	.....	.....	57	58	2	21	32	55	.....
Harrison	13	110	.....	.....	3	116	119	44	54	19	117	2
Jackson	7	106	.....	.....	2	114	116	92	38	13	143	.....
Jefferson	7	26	.....	.....	1	41	42	20	8	.....	28	.....
Kanawha	12	154	1	1	3	149	154	67	67	4	138	.....
Lewis	6	82	.....	.....	1	83	84	27	21	24	72	9
Lincoln	8	62	.....	.....	.....	62	62	19	17	5	41	.....
Logan	6	71	.....	.....	.....	58	58	28	8	18	54	.....
Marion	9	104	.....	.....	6	102	108	23	83	7	113	.....
Marshall	10	94	.....	.....	3	91	94	27	57	22	106	3
Mason	12	109	4	.....	3	106	113	21	27	10	58	.....
Mercer	5	62	.....	.....	.....	66	66	12	26	6	44	1
Mineral	7	34	.....	.....	3	45	48	20	15	13	48	.....
§Monongalia	8	84	.....	1	.....	85	86	50	105	7	162	.....
Monroe	6	60	.....	.....	.....	84	34	42	18	5	65	.....
Morgan	6	27	.....	.....	3	27	30	13	12	9	34	.....
*McDowell	5	44	.....	.....	.....	61	61	19	.....	.....	19	.....
Nicholas	6	64	.....	.....	.....	51	51	26	17	11	54	3
Ohio	5	33	.....	.....	.....	34	34	8	13	11	32	1
Pendleton	6	69	.....	.....	.....	73	73	13	25	25	63	2
Pleasants	6	36	.....	.....	1	36	37	9	24	11	44	.....
Pocahontas	4	45	.....	.....	.....	57	57	14	16	13	43	.....
Preston	9	125	2	.....	7	126	135	37	43	14	94	.....
Putnam	7	68	.....	.....	3	66	69	18	47	6	71	.....
Raleigh	7	70	.....	.....	.....	73	73	23	33	34	90	.....
Randolph	9	58	.....	.....	1	58	59	10	18	23	51	8
Ritchie	5	95	.....	.....	3	92	95	7	35	35	77	18
Roane	8	79	.....	.....	.....	86	86	50	27	4	81	3
Summers	5	59	.....	.....	.....	69	69	34	35	5	74	2
Taylor	7	49	.....	.....	4	49	53	24	32	8	64	.....
Tucker	5	33	.....	.....	.....	32	32	4	22	7	33	2
Tyler	6	73	.....	.....	2	67	69	23	28	18	69	5
Upshur	6	77	.....	.....	2	72	74	21	36	22	79	4
Wayne	7	98	.....	1	1	93	95	4	12	12	28	.....
Webster	4	35	.....	.....	...	28	28	14	8	2	24	.....
Wetzel	6	87	1	.....	1	85	87	37	38	9	74	2
Wirt	9	43	.....	2	.....	44	46	7	13	8	28	.....
Wood	11	106	.....	1	23	108	132	111	76	39	226	7
§Wyoming	6	42	.....	.....	.....	47	47	21	6	6	33	3
§Martinsburg City	1	5	.....	1	5	.....	6	11	8	.....	19	.....
Wheeling City	1	7	.....	.....	8	.....	8	83	10	.....	93	30
Totals	363	3,529	20	8	103	3,680	3,811	1,402	1,582	695	3,679	135

*Imperfect report. §Superintendents failed to report in time. Figures given are from last year's report.

TABLE F.

Showing Number of Teachers and Number of Months Taught.

COUNTIES.	TEACHERS.							MONTHS TAUGHT.							
	White.			Col'd.				By White.			By Col'd.				
	Male.	Female.	Total.	Male.	Female.	Total.	Whole Number.	Male.	Female.	Total.	Male.	Female.	Total.	Whole Number.	General Average Number of Months Taught.
Barbour	72	8	80	2	...	2	82	288	32	320	8	.....	8	328	4 0
Berkeley	40	13	53	6	1	7	60	300	91	391	35	8	43	434	7.2
Boone	37	11	48	...	...	.....	48	133	38	171	.....	.....	.....	171	3 5
Braxton	65	21	86	1	..	1	87	261	84	345	3	....	3	348	4.0
Brooke	20	14	34	1	...	1	35	126	99	225	4	.....	4	229	6 5
Cabell	51	19	70	3	...	3	73	250	108	358	18	.....	18	376	5.5
Calhoun	36	7	43	...	...	.....	43	116	24	140	.....	.....	.....	140	4.0
Clay	30	1	31	...	.	.....	31	108	3	111	.....	.....	.....	111	3.5
Doddridge	49	27	76	..	...	.....	76	202	111	313	.....	.....	.....	313	4.1
Fayette	59	16	75	3	.	3	78	224	54	278	12	.....	12	290	3.8
Gilmer	46	21	67	...	...	.....	67	176	77	253	.....	.....	.....	253	4.0
Grant	38	10	48	1	...	1	49	146	43	189	4	.....	4	193	4.5
Greenbrier	81	16	97	10	1	11	108	337	73	410	49	8	57	467	4.3
Hampshire	67	17	84	3	2	5	89	253	60	313	10	4	14	327	3.3
Hancock	14	9	23	...	...	.....	23	89	59	148	.....	.....	.....	148	6.3
Hardy	39	15	54	3	2	5	59	150	58	208	12	8	20	228	3.9
Harrison	103	29	132	2	2	4	136	427	144	571	13	11	24	595	4.3
Jackson	91	29	120	1	...	1	121	362	128	490	4	.....	4	494	4 0
Jefferson	29	9	38	9	3	12	50	249	76	325	84	25	109	431	8.7
Kanawha	113	61	174	11	2	13	187	484	303	787	69	10	79	866	4 5
Lewis	74	14	88	1	...	1	89	312	64	376	8	.....	8	384	5.3
Lincoln	50	13	63	...	...	.....	63	162	42	204	.....	.....	.....	204	3.2
Logan	53	4	57	1	...	1	58	140	10	150	1	.....	1	151	2 6
Marion	96	27	123	...	...	.....	123	390	130	520	.....	.....	.....	520	4.2
Marshall	72	39	111	...	...	.....	111	343	228	571	.....	.....	.....	571	5.1
Mason	88	58	146	4	...	4	150	414	289	703	24	.....	24	727	4.8
Mercer	55	9	64	1	1	2	66	216	35	251	4	4	8	259	3.9
Mineral	30	26	56	1	2	3	59	132	129	261	6	8	14	275	4.6
§Monongalia	72	20	92	2	...	2	94	292	100	392	12	.....	12	404	4 3
Monroe	71	9	80	5	...	5	85	284	36	32	20	.....	20	340	4.0
Morgan	29	2	31	2	...	2	33	158	13	171	9	.....	9	180	5 5
*McDowell	27	1	28	2	...	2	30	116	4	120	6	.....	6	126	4.2
Nicholas	49	3	52	...	...	.....	52	187	16	203	.....	.....	.....	203	4.0
Ohio	19	20	39	...	...	.....	39	128	143	271	.....	.....	.....	271	7.7
Pendleton	67	6	73	1	...	1	74	264	20	284	7	.....	7	291	4.0
Pleasants	24	13	37	...	...	.....	37	110	55	165	.....	.....	.....	165	4.5
Pocahontas	40	17	57	3	...	3	60	157	65	222	9	.....	9	231	3.8
Preston	119	25	144	2	...	2	146	474	97	571	4	4	8	579	4.0
Putnam	55	17	72	1	1	2	74	236	73	309	4	4	8	317	4.2
Raleigh	59	14	73	...	...	.....	73	221	51	272	.....	.....	.....	272	3.7
Randolph	51	10	61	...	...	.....	61	192	36	228	.....	.....	.....	228	3.7
Ritchie	75	25	100	...	...	.....	100	300	100	400	.....	.....	.....	400	4.0
Roane	75	13	88	...	...	.....	88	281	43	324	.....	.....	.....	324	3.6
Summers	57	6	63	5	...	5	68	193	17	210	15	.....	15	225	3.3
Taylor	47	16	63	...	...	.....	63	212	75	287	.....	.....	.....	287	4.8
Tucker	26	6	32	...	...	.....	32	89	19	108	.....	.....	.....	108	3.3
Tyler	65	7	72	...	...	.....	72	259	27	286	.....	.....	.....	286	3.9
Upshur	59	19	78	...	...	.....	78	245	81	326	.....	.....	.....	326	4.1
Wayne	74	21	95	...	...	.....	95	298	88	386	.....	.....	.....	386	4.0
Webster	25	3	28	...	...	.....	28	73	9	82	.....	.....	.....	82	3.1
Wetzel	68	22	90	..	...	.....	90	273	86	359	.....	...	.....	359	4.0
Wirt	37	9	46	...	...	.....	46	151	37	188	.....	.....	.....	188	4.0
Wood	74	60	134	1	3	4	138	454	407	861	9	14	23	884	6.4
§Wyoming	42	5	47	...	...	.....	47	109	24	133	.....	.....	.....	133	3 0
§Martinsburg	4	13	17	1	1	2	19	40	130	170	10	10	20	190	10.0
Wheeling	6	83	89	1	1	2	91	60	830	890	10	10	20	910	10.0
Total	3014	1008	4022	90	22	112	4134	12 646	5,274	17,920	483	128	611	18,531	4.5

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TABLE G.

Showing Age of Pupils, Number Studying and Number of Visits from Officers.

COUNTIES.	Ave. Age of Pupils.			Number of Pupils Studying.									Visits.		
	Males.	Females.	Gener'l Average	Orthography.	Reading.	Writing.	Arithmetic.	Geography.	Eng. Grammar.	German.	Other Branches	History.	By County Superintend'nts	Other Officers.	Total.
Barbour	11.5	11.0	11 3	2,938	2,297	1,487	1,308	488	415	.....	69	197	1	224	225
Berkeley	11.1	10.1	10.8	2,026	2,102	1,643	1,475	740	518	.....	.....	372	.....	.....	.....
Boone	10.0	12.0	11.0	588	297	312	213	41	39	.....	30	.....	11	.....	11
Braxton	11.1	10.9	11.0	2.155	1,737	1,140	833	404	315	.....	175	.....	13	89	102
Brooke	10.5	10 5	10 5	1,199	1,188	981	1,073	576	323	10	248	168	.....	625	625
Cabell	11.0	10.0	10.5	2,201	1,755	1,168	1,313	644	218	.....	233	.....	19	168	187
Calhoun	13.0	12.0	12.5	1,190	894	501	481	119	61	.....	33	.....	16	83	99
Clay	11.0	11.0	11.0	235	178	125	163	105	54	.....	31	.....	.....	69	69
Doddridge	11.9	11.5	11.7	2,013	1,886	1,080	942	281	265	.....	47	.....	2	412	414
Fayette	11.4	10 8	11.1	1,880	1,550	955	910	508	359	.....	1	87	1	231	232
Gilmer	10.8	10.5	10.6	1,708	1,333	793	715	225	85	.....	36	.....	.....	205	205
Grant	11.4	9.7	10.2	1,322	1,014	807	713	261	128	.....	38	.....	.....	49	49
Greenbrier	11.3	10.6	10.8	2,128	1,708	1,562	1,235	689	359	.....	264	.....	2	179	181
Hampshire	11 5	11.4	11.4	2,257	1,849	1,737	1,404	579	405	.....	242	.....	2	142	144
Hancock	10.3	10.3	10.3	798	759	528	524	419	145	.....	120	.....	3	14	17
Hardy	12.5	11.1	11.8	1,268	1,056	831	735	293	165	.....	241	.....	.....	83	83
Harrison	12.0	11.0	11.5	4,646	4,011	2,996	2,855	1,177	800	.....	157	336	2	1,825	1,827
Jackson	11.7	11.6	11 6	4,312	3,326	2,062	1,725	589	231	.....	130	.....	.....	865	865
Jefferson	11.1	10.7	10.9	1,917	1,923	1,791	1,654	942	426		273	386	.....	227	227
Kanawha	12.0	10 2	11.0	4,978	3,995	2,808	2,415	1,185	718	.....	141	417	.....	339	339
Lewis	11.9	10.6	11.2	2,735	2,215	1,577	1,295	420	330	.....	197	.....	.....	536	536
Lincoln	8.4	8.7	8.5	1,627	755	399	369	226	185	.....	.....	193	5	60	65
Logan	11.6	11.2	11.4	930	438	248	161	71	39	.....	1	.....	19	159	178
Marion	11.3	10.8	11.1	4,677	4,509	3,222	2,769	1,423	730	.....	424	.....	14	475	489
Marshall	11.5	11.5	11.5	4,235	3,679	2,891	2,884	1,469	775	.....	182	377	8	661	669
Mason	11.5	11.5	11.5	5,582	4,428	3,092	2,824	1,337	947	.....	313	.....	.....	679	679
Mercer	11.5	10.5	11.0	937	793	376	430	167	174	.....	69	.....	.....	61	61
Mineral	13.5	13.5	13.5	1,503	1,377	1,204	1,202	697	566	.....	127	173	8	571	579

TABLE G.—*Continued.*

COUNTIES.	Ave Age of Pupils.			Number of Pupils Studying.									Visits.		
	Males.	Females.	Gener'l Average	Orthography.	Reading.	Writing.	Arithmetic.	Geography.	Eng. Grammar.	German.	Other Branches	History.	By County Superintend'nts	Other Officers.	Total.
§Monongalia	11.0	11.0	11.0	3,420	2,693	2,181	1,613	988	762	.....	308	816	94	386	480
Monroe	11.2	10.8	11.0	2,029	1,611	1,081	980	413	329	.....	11	128	.....	.....	.....
Morgan	11.3	10.6	10.9	1,036	929	770	696	238	166	.....	13	87	.....	146	146
*McDowell	12.0	12.5	12.5	185	95	.....	62	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	12	12
Nicholas	11.0	11.0	11.0	1,380	1,159	572	525	240	150	.....	47	.....	.....	96	96
Ohio	10.2	10.2	10.2	876	807	656	609	326	264	.....	181	.....	.....	116	116
Pendleton	11.6	11.6	11.6	1,331	1,033	771	528	126	129	.....	72	.....	.....	91	91
Pleasants	12.0	11.0	11.5	1,317	1,143	790	624	264	124	.....	20	55	19	66	85
Pocahontas	10.6	10.4	10.5	1,170	960	717	564	273	130	.....	92	.....	.....	225	225
Preston	11.6	11.0	11.5	4,992	3,960	2,804	2,447	1,020	641	.....	186	257	.....	1,032	1,032
Putnam	11.3	11.0	11.3	2,201	1,644	1,059	994	426	331	.....	221	.....	.....	282	282
Raleigh	11.6	10.9	11.2	1,487	955	689	519	216	171	.....	80	.....	.....	169	169
Randolph	11.0	11.0	11.0	1,426	1,075	532	445	279	141	1	52	.....	.....	391	391
Ritchie	11.0	11.0	11.0	2,182	2,536	1,704	1,509	568	332	.....	58	189	.....	.....	.....
Roane	11.4	11.2	11.3	2,689	2,284	1,267	1,010	406	364	.....	4	93	.....	69	69
*Summers	.....	.....	.....	1,503	964	649	521	251	153	.....	61	.....	2	48	50
Taylor	11.3	10.3	10.8	2,280	1,837	1,737	1,232	813	375	.....	147	251	31	103	134
Tucker	10.2	10.0	10.1	459	359	419	286	163	110	.....	42	.....	2	45	47
Tyler	10.8	11.3	11.0	2,600	2,081	1,891	1,351	700	327	.....	197	.....	.....	329	329
Upshur	11.5	11.1	11.3	2,618	2,157	1,375	1,233	391	212	.....	253	.....	4	47	51
Wayne	12.0	11.8	11.9	2,717	1,910	969	1,049	565	226	.....	51	.....	.....	.....	.....
Webster	10.9	9.8	10.4	509	369	198	149	53	28	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Wetzel	10.3	10.7	10.6	3,166	2,311	1,597	1,119	555	356	.....	223	.....	15	414	429
Wirt	13.0	12.0	12.8	1,548	1,189	892	721	310	168	.....	40	108	.....	269	269
Wood	10.8	9.5	10.5	4,360	4,768	3,677	3,425	1,535	583	.....	912	307	12	834	846
§Wyoming	11.7	11.5	11.6	826	475	327	221	73	93	.....	7	22	51	134	185
§Martinsburg City	11.5	12.0	11.7	1,099	650	650	360	340	200	18	72	80	.....	71	71
Wheeling City	10.0	10.5	10.2	3,251	3,027	2,763	1,392	860	276	256	778	100	487	129	616
Total	11.3	10.9	11.4	118,642	98,033	71,044	60,714	28,466	16,916	285	7,948	5,199	842	14,235	15,077

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TABLE

Amount of District Levies; Amount of Delinquent Lists; Total Receipts and Average Cost

COUNTIES.	District Levies.				Delinquent Lists.	
	No. of cents for Building Fund.	No. of cents for Teachers' Fund.	Whole amount levied for Building Fund.	Whole amount levied for Teachers' Fund.	Amount of delinquent list returned for Building Fund.	Amount of delinquent list returned for Teachers' Fund.
Barbour	13 5	12.4	$ 2,748 65	$ 2,532 67	$ 39 09	$ 31 25
Berkeley	6.1	24 3	2,632 53	9,018 53	46 18	207 08
Boone	18 0	50.0	1,012 35	3 097 42	53 32	107 51
Braxton	21.0	23.0	4,145 16	4,349 46	1,266 5[illegible]	1,304 27
Brooke	4 9	18.9	1,382 15	5,172 91	4 21	7 43
Cabell	21.0	33 0	5,453 75	8,434 74	280 46	416 18
Calhoun	36.0	36.0	2,019 97	2,010 14	296 87	292 98
Clay	30.0	39 0	[illegible] 00	1,246 45	133 08	206 65
Doddridge	15.0	26.0	2,802 76	4,877 65	196 36	581 18
Fayette	28.0	47.0	3,563 51	6,044 06	605 55	909 49
Gilmer	22.0	22.0	1,738 98	1,662 24	72 66	89 03
Grant	16 2	11 6	2,960 45	3,135 11	9 31	12 19
Greenbrier	14.5	16.3	4,085 33	6,636 93	40 64	.....
Hampshire	10.7	20.7	2,548 05	4,751 22	13 13	62 79
Hancock	19.0	24.6	2,750 43	3,910 04	6 90	31 33
Hardy	7.8	13.7	1,477 09	2,726 91	13 46	29 12
Harrison	7.3	12 0	5,971 02	9,745 96	70 88	103 30
Jackson	33.0	30.5	5,949 46	7,900 89	796 81	1,214 60
Jefferson	10 2	16.4	4,307 49	8,947 09	56 19	72 85
Kanawha	28 1	43.6	11,890 15	20,480 22	1,813 91	2,866 [illegible]
Lewis	11.8	25.8	3,062 11	3,950 82	95 83	197 93
Lincoln	27.0	37.5	2,348 26	3,262 80	212 40	335 20
Logan	2 .0	48.0	1,150 80	2,060 68	84 87	111 92
Marion	11 1	12 5	4,699 37	5,246 52	73 70	150 27
Marshall	28.7	18.0	12,215 85	7,990 26	33 30	18 06
Mason	18.	21 0	9,635 77	13,695 14	276 24	305 69
Mercer	15 2	33.2	909 26	1,945 40	22 49	52 12
Mineral	15 4	18 8	4,863 24	4,621 80	66 95	72 26
§Monongalia	9.2	17.1	4,735 90	5,952 24	38 83	9 86
Monroe	11.0	26 0	3,139 21	6,842 88	64 10	148 32
Morgan	30.0	13.2	3,137 33	2,407 24	12 97	10 77
*McDowell	11.2	15 5	582 11	886 97	326 82	447 52
Nicholas	32 0	41.0	1,795 57	2,752 31	414 19	540 77
Ohio	18 0	21.0	5,698 34	6,733 85	84 12	92 87
Pendleton	6 2	20 6	969 19	3,206 14	12	51
Pleasants	29.1	28 3	3,002 85	3,060 15	113 31	129 80
Pocahontas	8 0	22 5	1,185 10	3,259 21	13 04	38 36
Preston	17 7	26.0	5,360 31	7,885 97	85 01	111 52
Putnam	22.2	32 3	3,856 78	5,720 44	70 91	113 78
Raleigh	26 1	34 6	2,008 70	2,907 09	143 92	609 22
Randolph	24.0	29.0	2,096 89	2,620 64	102 75	172 04
Ritchie	28 0	34.0	4,564 39	6,147 03	236 68	299 50
Roane	29.0	42 0	3 144 58	4,529 91	101 64	160 41
Summers	27.8	48 0	1,973 49	3,964 53	181 78	160 97
Taylor	8.8	7 6	1,841 21	2,650 40	121 89	75 09
Tucker	29.0	31.0	1,143 78	1,194 96	50 66	57 09
Tyler	21 0	25 0	3,909 64	4,516 41	45 30	114 39
Upshur	12 8	17 0	2,312 74	3,540 60	274 68	340 06
Wayne	20 0	30.7	3 287 94	4,682 14	205 71	264 21
Webster	26.0	38.0	1,605 10	1,655 21	964 21	1,068 23
Wetzel	35.0	30.0	5,520 78	4,721 94	322 61	279 77
Wirt	32 5	32 6	2,976 55	3,540 78	208 53	227 83
Wood	20.2	33.1	12,391 51	20,684 44	392 31	529 93
§Wyoming	31 7	48.3	1,340 83	2,451 84	430 08	807 16
§Martinsburg City	2.5	3 0	4,865 53	4,017 71	569 40	.....
Wheeling City	.....	28.0	.....	39,686 08	.....	604 16
Totals	19 3	25.2	$197,736 29	$321,713 17	$12,596 93	$17,239 38

*Partial report only. §Superintendents failed to report; figures given are from last year's reports.
†No Building Fund in Wheeling; all expenses are paid out of a common fund, called the "School Fund."

H.

and Expenditures; Balance on Hand; Apportionment of Teachers' Fund per Pupil.

Total receipts for all purposes, including balance on hand and State School Fund, at beginning of school year.	GENERAL SUMMARY.							
	Total amount reported expended of the Building Fund.	Total amount reported expended of Teachers' Fund.	Balance on hand of the Building Fund.	Balance on hand of the Teachers's Fund.	Amount of Teachers' Fund apportioned to whites.	Amount of Teachers' Fund apportioned to colored.	Average cost of education per pupil, based on enumeration.	Average cost of education per pupil, based on enrollment.
$ 16,065 29	$ 2,709 25	$ 7,981 00	$ 2,651 12	$ 1,934 98	$ 7,829 00	$ 256 00	$ 2 67	$ 3 57
17,734 70	3,348 89	12,409 18	420 29	1,249 61	14,169 41	1,755 01	2.26	6.06
6,564 78	852 71	4,083 06	371 49	564 20	5,550 29	.....	2.84	3.19
12,562 42	3,670 52	7,292 12	628 69	1,109 80	6,318 92	83 00	3 08	4.15
11,387 95	7,316 50	8,375 50	1,112 80	238 55	9,892 85	145 65	4.93	7 52
19,553 24	6,056 95	12,503 27	712 41	638 29	12,625 55	516 01	4.36	6.55
5,891 57	1,766 33	4,018 50	423 25	708 81	1,688 78	95 63	4.46	5.02
5,939 23	919 30	2,617 24	925 90	1,234 32	2,618 24	.....	2 00	2.99
15,621 49	3,858 57	7,758 90	1,099 54	3,833 53	10,172 29	.....	2.74	3 75
13,597 19	3,034 30	8,417 50	†875 88	1,268 81	8,418 20	.....	3.71	5.14
8,972 11	3,645 62	3,698 00	379 27	766 31	7,897 44	.....	3 20	4.38
9,164 17	2,495 31	5,259 30	927 62	582 94	7,468 61	293 00	6 88	8.02
20,346 54	3,699 27	12,922 55	2,110 85	1,507 50	11,980 83	1,603 12	3 70	5.72
12,227 84	2,322 61	8,449 16	652 65	690 23	8,325 81	286 54	3.42	4.58
8,799 59	2,400 69	5,077 00	1,105 98	215 92	7,477 69	.....	6.80	8 72
8,060 00	1,541 06	5,463 00	496 65	562 28	6,279 14	761 87	3.03	4 61
32,100 32	5,935 97	17,930 76	2,441 95	5,863 02	17,113 37	817 39	3.32	4.89
21,214 15	5,529 89	13,461 00	1,393 73	1,196 27	13,361 00	100 00	3 36	4 08
22,526 93	3,525 72	14,433 76	2,241 81	2,397 45	12,933 36	3,660 12	3.92	7.15
38,888 25	7,866 20	28,486 98	702 60	1,393 36	29,154 09	*941 00	3 58	5.81
15,522 13	2,689 57	10,180 50	1,147 46	1,497 22	8,328 50	200 00	3.07	4.51
7,922 57	1,772 46	4,763 80	478 71	1,224 37	7,125 50	22 08	2.77	3.00
5,279 98	920 94	3,225 50	226 01	685 51	4,104 79	91 56	2 24	3.69
22,071 34	5,034 25	13,571 00	567 42	2,587 24	15,958 24	290 00	2.99	3.78
34,615 07	11,983 34	15,779 72	1,867 00	4,977 19	27,711 15	125 68	4 31	6 04
41,309 49	10,191 15	21,861 00	3,342 24	3,727 80	34,789 07	795 13	4.31	6 52
6,528 81	1,038 95	4,307 00	801 26	281 74	4,274 80	363 80	2.22	3 22
15,764 60	4,127 22	8,222 41	2,473 87	1,053 55	11,887 63	542 00	4.44	7.15
21,290 27	4,355 11	11,117 00	1,050 01	968 62	14,096 45	372 00	... ..	3.66
14,023 66	2,572 88	9,404 00	674 70	1,412 57	9,404 00	.....	2.56	3.56
9,497 45	2,006 73	5,286 81	1,875 76	215 60	4,768 40	225 00	3.94	5.56
1,332 74	420 87	841 60	.....	27 32	966 28	.....	1.11	2 40
7,774 80	1,641 92	5,221 11	79 50	334 59	6,553 23	44 01	3 05	4.17
17,018 47	5,848 95	8,883 17	1,223 82	932 51	8,802 79	152 72	6.50	9 20
8,667 75	746 70	6,496 49	571 01	849 43	8,263 60	124 61	2 76	3.52
10,219 24	2,375 12	4,649 92	1,688 74	1,408 76	5,879 70	.....	2.92	4 26
7,833 47	1,145 42	4,797 50	979 71	609 96	5,467 64	263 98	3.53	4 50
27,589 21	6,726 30	15,963 20	1,542 94	3,794 11	19,509 96	202 00	3 38	4.35
14,561 88	3,626 69	9,434 95	470 38	1,004 19	11,097 58	230 75	3.63	5.12
7,687 81	1,459 03	5,073 16	634 51	520 11	5,073 16	.....	2 36	3 35
8,514 95	2,174 63	5,262 84	73 69	1,003 79	7,437 47	.....	2.77	4 46
21,027 59	4,230 81	10,773 00	2,226 11	3,627 72	10,773 00	.....	3.50	4.76
12,521 16	2,067 78	8,024 28	1,180 44	1,447 84	8,024 28	6 00	1.90	2.48
8,541 44	2,260 26	5,166 05	†617 83	192 09	5,852 85	653 68	1.90	2 74
16,139 84	4,379 31	9,255 72	1,086 42	9,002 43	13,641 42	456 47	2.40	4.08
4,683 00	448 34	1,913 00	1,182 00	592 00	2,504 00	.....	2.34	3 60
13,207 10	3,592 12	8,481 51	115 36	887 40	13,098 17	*3 23	3.09	4 33
11,898 33	1,824 90	8,121 01	692 06	1,187 57	8,783 73	190 32	2.84	3.65
13,622 69	2,474 79	10,330 00	966 60	1,073 06	10,016 18	110 05	1.77	2 52
5,544 49	146 25	1,687 00	2,281 67	1,529 57	5,544 49	.....	2 31	4 69
19,684 99	3,330 65	9,643 43	5,067 79	1,643 12	11,286 55	.....	2.48	3 69
12,551 78	1,666 88	5,875 00	1,941 62	1,660 00	6,385 04	.....	3.26	3.64
50,048 64	9,227 00	31,300 23	5,422 26	2,995 97	42,192 95	1,186 00	4.46	6 23
7,347 90	1,038 80	1,698 92	113 60	1,071 06	3,087 61	85 95	.....	3.15
16,826 91	3,371 23	6,219 30	1,714 25	3,837 00	8,734 11	750 00	.....	8 70
53,833 61	9,841 65	39,403 00	.....	4,588 96	49,248 65	☞	4.51	10 29
$879,757 37	$185,069 67	$522,493 24	$47,375 55	$92,154 05	$62,193,484	$18,718 26	$2.49	$3 65

†In debt, Summers county, $617.83; Fayette county, $875.88. ☞ All paid out of common fund—Colored schools run 10 months, same as white.

TABLE I.

Showing the Enumeration of Youth and Apportionment of State School Fund for the School Years Commencing September 1st, 1879, and September 1st, 1880; the Amount of Salaries Paid to County Superintendents during the School Years 1878-9 and 1879-80, and the Attendance at Institutes by Teachers during the Year 1879-80.

COUNTIES.	Enumeration of youth taken June, 1879, and used as basis for apportionment for School Year 1879-80, showing No. of youth between 6 and 21 years of age.	Amount of State School Fund apportioned to each county for the School Year 1879-80.	Enumeration of youth taken April, 1880, and used as basis of apportionment for school year 1880-81, showing number of youth between 6 and 21 years of age.	Amount of State School Fund Apportioned to each County for the School year 1880-81.	Amounts paid County Sup'ts during School year ended Aug. 31, 1879, as per record in Auditor's office.	Amounts paid County Sup'ts during School year ended Aug. 31, 1880, as per record in Auditor's office.	Attendance at Ins. 1879-80. Total Number of Teachers in Co.	Total No. enrolled in County Ins.	No. of Tea'rs who failed to attend.	Average Daily attendance.	
Barbour	4,143	$ 4,423 45	4,160	$ 4,387 64	$ 300 00	$ 212 50	84	65	19	23.5	Two Institutes held in County.
Martinsburg Indepen't	1,997	2,132 19	1,903	2,007 76	†	†	.....	.....	.....	.....	A "District Institute" was held at Martinsburg for this and adjoining Counties.
Berkeley	3,498	3,733 80	3,594	3,791 40	300 00	200 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	
Boone	1,995	2,130 05	1,921	2,027 73	300 00	187 50	48	18	30	13.8	
Braxton	3,484	3,718 85	3,562	3,757 35	300 00	137 50	77	27	50	19.7	
Brooke	1,931	2,060 70	2,032	2,244 73	300 00	187 50	46	34	12	20.5	
Cabell	4,225	4,500 00	4,176	4,414 50	300 50	200 00	60	36	24	29.2	A "District Institute" was held at Huntington for this and adjoining counties.
Calhoun	1,984	2,018 30	2,035	2,147 89	219 00	187 50	40	32	8	27.2	
Clay	1,182	1,262 00	1,292	1,364 76	137 50	61 50	20	11	9	11.0	
Doddridge	3,635	3,880 05	1,764	3,969 35	250 00	150 00	72	31	41	14.0	
Fayette	3,184	3,399 55	3,285	3,465 39	195 00	104 50	77	.....	77	.....	Superintendent failed to receive notice of time
Gilmer	2,548	2,740 49	2,512	2,649 64	300 00	197 00	73	35	36	23 9	Some non-resident teachers enrolled.
Grant	1,845	1,969 90	1,819	1,919 22	175 50	153 00	45	24	21	16.0	
Greenbrier	4,347	4,640 29	4,647	4,899 93	279 00	191 50	103	48	55	16.8	Two Institutes.
Hampshire	3,199	3,413 43	3,233	3,340 80	300 00	212 50	70	24	46	13.0	
Hancock	1,609	1,717 92	1,627	1,716 85	246 00	127 50	23	20	3	20.0	Conductor included persons not teachers.
Hardy	2,222	2,370 29	2,277	2,401 95	330 00	170 00	50	30	20	27.3	
Harrison	7,144	7,527 54	7,172	7,561 28	300 00	212 50	135	110	25	5.0	Including "Dis't Instit'e" held at Clarksburg.
Jackson	5,531	5,905 44	5,646	5,952 88	222 00	212 50	115	80	35	56.0	Two Institutes.
Jefferson	4,968	5,304 33	4,578	4,827 21	300 00	187 50	49	24	25	11.2	
Kanawha	10,411	11,115 82	11,885	11,790 99	300 00	212 50	160	115	45	45.5	Two Institutes. One poorly attended.
Lewis	4,293	4,580 63	4,296	4,518 98	279 00	212 50	81	58	23	18 3	Three Institutes.
Lincoln	3,006	3,209 50	3,108	3,277 83	300 00	200 00	45	33	12	22.2	
Logan	2,282	2,436 49	2,261	2,385 09	294 00	200 00	27	17	10	15.0	
Marion	6,244	6,666 70	6,225	6,563 15	300 00	162 50	125	137	59	40.5	Two Institutes. Some teachers attended both.
Marshall	6,617	7,064 97	4,462	6,812 94	300 00	212 50	111	47	64	30.0	
Mason	8,120	8,860 90	8,306	8,756 52	300 00	212 50	100	34	66	22.6	

TABLE I—*Continued.*

COUNTIES.	Enumeration of youth taken June 1879, and used as basis for apportionment for School Year 1879-80, showing No. of youth between 6 and 21 years of age.	Amount of State School Fund apportioned to each county for the School Year 1879-80	Enumeration of youth taken April, 1880, and used as basis of apportionment for school year 1880-81, showing number of youth between 6 and 21 years of age.	Amount of State School Fund apportioned to each County for the School Year 1880-81.	Amounts paid County Sup'ts during School year ended Aug. 31, 1879, as per record in Auditor's office.	Amounts paid County Sup'ts during School year ended Aug. 31, 1880, as per record in Auditor's office.	Attendance at Ins. 1879-80. Total Number of Teachers in Co	Total No. enrolled in County Ins.	No. of Teach's who failed to attend.	Average daily attendance.	
Mercer	2,572	$ 2,746 12	2,482	$ 2,618 02	$ 300 00	$ 200 00	65	18	47	11.0	
Mineral	2,644	2,822 99	2,779	2,931 06	168 00	91 50	38	30	8	23.0	
Monongalia	5,032	5,370 75	4,891	5,157 11	300 00	292 50	87	53	34	37.0	
Monroe	3,549	3,789 25	3,671	3,871 23	270 00	209 50	82	31	51	20.0	
Morgan	1,783	1,903 70	1,958	2,065 73	165 00	85 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	Conductor app'ed failed on account of sud. ill.
McDowell	*1,049	1,121 05	1,134	1,197 23	297 00	187 50	22	52	.....	24.7	Two Institutes. Some non-res. teach. attend.
Nicholas	2,512	2,682 05	2,584	2,725 53	231 00	200 00	39	23	16	16.8	
Ohio	2,188	2,336 10	2,275	2,399 85	294 00	187 50	51	40	11	22.0	
Pendleton	2,766	2,953 25	2,741	2,891 01	249 00	113 00	65	39	26	33.5	
Pleasants	2,085	2,226 15	2,033	2,144 78	192 00	103 50	37	25	12	15.7	
Pocahontas	1,714	1,830 05	1,828	1,928 71	195 00	125 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	Co. Sup't not notified in time to notify teach's
Preston	6,680	7,130 23	6,703	7,066 96	300 00	212 50	146	75	71	26.0	Two Institutes.
Putnam	3,861	4,120 35	3,960	4,175 84	252 00	167 00	70	53	17	45.0	
Raleigh	2,531	2,702 34	2,608	2,750 83	219 00	110 00	72	17	55	11.0	
Randolph	2,622	2,799 50	2,699	2,837 26	192 00	152 00	61	28	33	15.0	
Ritchie	4,331	4,624 20	4,270	4,181 50	300 00	210 50	88	72	16	30.0	Two Institutes.
Roane	3,932	4,199 19	4,321	4,556 33	273 00	212 50	85	45	40	16.2	Two Institutes
Summers	2,791	2,983 15	2,742	2,892 06	300 00	200 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	A "District Institute" was held at Hinton
Taylor	3,844	4,103 23	3,888	4,099 85	180 75	86 00	65	45	20	30.0	for this and adjoining counties.
Tucker	1,001	1,068 75	1,040	1,098 16	129 00	79 50	33	6	27	3.0	Large number of teachers live in other co's.
Tyler	3,824	4,082 88	3,946	4,161 08	183 50	200 00	72	42	30	24.0	
Upshur	3,492	3,728 40	3,587	3,782 69	186 00	156 50	74	72	2	27.4	Two Institutes.
Wayne	5,256	5,590 47	5,224	5,508 09	292 00	212 50	100	31	69	21.0	
Webster	1,030	1,110 40	1,137	1,199 39	131 50	87 50	32	20	12	18.0	
Wetzel	5,037	5,378 00	5,196	5,477 58	300 00	212 50	90	69	21	26.5	Two Institutes.
Wirt	2,472	2,639 25	2,495	2,630 73	270 00	178 50	50	33	17	24.0	
Wood	8,221	8,777 55	8,473	8,931 54	300 00	212 50	125	100	25	60.0	Two Institutes.
Wyoming	1,515	1,617 56	1,600	1,687 40	300 00	200 00	32	21	11	19.0	
Wheeling City	10,324	11,021 93	903	11,494 97	†.....	†.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	
Total	206,274	$220,233 52	210,207	$221,616 38	$13,896 75	$ 9,310 50	3517	2130	1486	60.5	Per cent. of attendance.

*Old report. †Not paid by State.

Description of Invested School Fund.

Stock in First National Bank of Fairmont, W. Va.	$50,000 00	
Stock in Parkersburg National Bank	40,000 00	
Stock in National Bank of West Virginia, at Wheeling	30,000 00	$120,000 00

U. S. Registered Central Pacific Railroad Bonds.

No. 2,037, dated August 2, 1866—Interest from July 10, 1866	$ 1,000 00	
No. 2 038, dated August 2, 1866—Interest from July 10, 1866	1,000 00	
No. 2,039, dated August 2, 1866—Interest from July 10, 1866	1,000 00	
No. 2,040, dated August 2, 1866—Interest from July 10, 1866	1,000 00	
No. 2,041, dated August 2, 1866—Interest from July 10, 1866	1,000 00	
No. 2,042, dated August 2, 1866—Interest from July 10, 1866	1,000 00	
No. 2,043, dated August 2, 1866—Interest from July 10, 1866	1,000 00	
No. 2,044, dated August 2, 1866—Interest from July 10, 1866	1,000 00	
No. 2,045, dated August 2, 1866—Interest from July 10, 1866	1,000 00	
No. 2,046, dated August 2, 1866—Interest from July 10, 1866	1,000 00	
No. 2,047, dated August 2, 1866—Interest from July 10, 1866	1,000 00	
No. 2,200, dated January 22, 1868—Interest from January 1, 1868	1,000 00	
No. 30, dated January 22, 1866—Interest from January 1, 1868	5,000 00	
No. 251, dated January 22, 1868—Interest from January 1, 1868	10,000 00	
No. 252, dated January 22, 1868—Interest from January 1, 1868	10,000 00	$37,000 00

U. S. Registered Union Pacific Railroad Bonds.

No. 1,982, dated January 21, 1869—Interest from January 1, 1869	$ 10,000 00	
No. 1 525, dated January 21, 1869—Interest from January 1, 1869	5,000 00	
No. 235, dated March 13, 1869—Interest from February 10, 1869	10,000 00	
No. 236, dated March 13, 1869—Interest from February 10, 1869	10,000 00	
No. 3,739, dated October 27, 1873—Interest from July 1, 1873	10,000 00	
No. 3,759, dated November 7, 1873—Interest from July 1, 1873	10,000 00	$55,000 00

U. S. Registered 5-20 Bonds.

No. 492, dated January 15, 1870—Interest from January 1, 1870	$ 500 00	
No. 2,123, dated January 13, 1870—Interest from January 1, 1870	1,000 00	
No. 2,124, dated January 13, 1870—Interest from January 1, 1870	1,000 00	
No. 2,125, dated January 13, 1870—Interest from January 1, 1870	1,000 00	
No. 653, dated January 13, 1870—Interest from January 1, 1870	5,000 00	
No. 847, dated January 15, 1870—Interest from January 1, 1870	10,000 00	$18,500 00

Certificates of U. S. Stock—5-20's.

No. 714, dated February 18, 1871—Interest from January 1, 1871	$ 500 00	
No. 2,837, dated February 18, 1871—Interest from January 1, 1871	1,000 00	
No. 2,838, dated February 18, 1871—Interest from January 1, 1871	1,000 00	
No. 2,839, dated February 18, 1871—Interest from January 1, 1871	1,000 00	
No. 2,840, dated February 18, 1871—Interest from January 1, 1871	1,000 00	
No. 828, dated February 18, 1871—Interest from January 1, 1871	5,000 00	
No. 1,051, dated February 18, 1871—Interest from January 1, 1871	10,000 00	
No. 1,052, dated February 18, 1871—Interest from January 1, 1871	10,000 00	
No. 11,519, dated March 6, 1871—Interest from January 1, 1871	100 00	
No. 11,520, dated March 6, 1871—Interest from January 1, 1871	100 00	
No. 11,521, dated March 6, 1871—Interest from January 1, 1871	100 00	
No. 24,030, dated March 6, 1871—Interest from January 1, 1871	1,000 00	
No. 7,160, dated March 6, 1871—Interest from January 1, 1871	5,000 00	
No. 10,302, dated March 6, 1871—Interest from January 1, 1871	10,000 00	$45,800 00
Bonds of the State of West Virginia, dated October 29, 1873, bearing interest from October 29, 1873	16,970 00	
Dated August 10, 1876	35,000 00	
Dated September 28, 1876, bearing interest from September, 1876	11,000 00	
Dated June 13, 1877	15,541 18	$78,511 48
Temporary Loan to State for Hospital for Insane		49,000 00
Balance in Treasury uninvested September 30, 1880		20,177 37
Total amount of School Fund October 1, 1880		$ 423,988 85

AUDITOR'S OFFICE, October 1, 1880.—The foregoing is correct.

JOS. S. MILLER, Auditor.

REPORTS

OF

COUNTY SUPERINTENDENTS,

FOR THE

SCHOOL YEAR ENDING AUGUST 31, 1880.

BARBOUR COUNTY—A. B. MOORE, *Sup't.*

I have the honor herewith to transmit to you my first annual report of the condition of Free Schools in this county. I desired to forward my report sooner, but the data necessary for it was not received in time to do so. The statistical part, I believe, is correct, but the financial is inaccurate in some respects, as the secretaries blanks were not accompanied with the same directions as mine, and, their reports did not agree, it was next to impossible for me to make an accurate report, but I believe this report shows very nearly the condition of the schools in this county.

There were eighty-one schools taught in this county last winter, with a fair attendance. The teachers are improving rapidly.

There were two select schools taught in Barbour the past summer—one at Mt. Olive, by Prof. D. W. Shaw, and one at Mt. Zion, by myself. Both were well attended. Several other schools were also taught in the county—one by J. S. Cornwell, in Garner Hollow, and others too numerous to mention.

The districts have all laid the levies, and the opposition to the Free School system is dying out. But few votes against the levy, and the schools are progressing well.

There are some dissatisfaction with regard to the Board of Education employing the teachers. The law on that point is a blunder, and should be changed. The trustee should employ the teacher. We hope our next Legislature will make some amends to our school law which will be satisfactory.

TEACHERS AND GRADES OF THEIR CERTIFICATES.

Thomas P. Douglas	1	N. W. Showalter	2
J. M. Compton	1	W. H. Knotts	2
E. H. Compton	2	J. O. Chenoweth	3
J. W. Moore	1	C. W. Reger	2
Andrew Moore	2	S. S. Talbott	1
J. H. Felton	2	G. L. Rusmisel	1
A. C. McDaniel	1	J. L. Malcome	1
J. W. Poling	1	W. B. E. Payne	2
J. D. Dadisman	2	C. T. McKinney	2
W. S. Smallridge	2	W. B. Benson	1
H. M. Strader	2	Miss Sallie R Philips	1
F. M. Smith	2	Miss Allice M. Wilmoth	1
J. D. H. Reed	2	D. J. Reger	2
F. A. Poling	2	C. R. Hartman.	2
J. H. Jenkins	2	Miss Cordelia House	2
L. H. Talbott	2	Miss Kate Wood	2
Granville Hudkins.	2	James Coffman	2
Miss Florida Bartlet	2	A. W. Stalnaker	2
Miss Mattie Woodford	2	J. P. Auvil	2
Martin Madden	2	J. N. Hoffman	2
R. E. Kerr	1	W. H. Showalter	3
Miss Nancy Sipe	1	W. H. Hart	2
Miss Nora Moore	1	E. C. Moore	1
Miss M. J. O'Brien	3	C. M. Moore	2
M. N. O'Brien	2	J. S. Poling	2
Miss Hannah O'Brien	2	Miss Dora B. Sterm	2
Floyd W. Harris	1	W. K. Bower	3
G. W. Cunningham	1	J. H. Robinson	3
W. R. Bennett	2	J. F. Right	2
J. D. Stalnaker	2	A. J. Hathaway	2
W. H. Stalnaker..	2	J. Hathaway	1
G. W. Baughman	2	J. M. Hilyard	2
R. J. Dunham	1	F. M. Talbott	1
W. Bennett	2	G. W. Stalnaker	2
S. P. Hartman	1	N. W. Miller	3
Stewart Wilmoth	1	J. D. Dadisman	1
G. W. Shaffer	2	J. M. Godwin	2
J. G. Digman	1	Miss Ida Hoffman	2
S. S. Zinn	1	Miss Mima Shroyer	2
J. S. Rogers	2	John Osbern	3
J. N Zinn	1	Columbus Kelly	1
Mrs. M. E. Harris	1	F. M. Newman	2
L C. Bennett	2	W. B. Male	3
E. D. Gall	2	D. W. Shaw	1
L. W. Talbott	1		

BERKELEY COUNTY—J. P. STUMA, *Sup't.*

(*No Written Report.*)

TEACHERS AND GRADES OF THEIR CERTIFICATES.

Chas. W. McKown	2	G. W. Robinson	2
Wm. Hesse	2	P. P. Pauling	1
Wm. S. Eversole	2	Ida V. Miller	1
J. H. Edwards	2	Mary A. Chenoweth	3
James W. B. Evans	1	Mary C. Paull	1
John W. Kettering	1	H. C. Evans	1
Mrs. Timberlake	1	David Lee	2
Josephine Morgan	2	N. M Mosby	2
Marianna McKown	1	C. W. Boyer	1
Lula Cunningham	1	H. Chillson	2
G. W. Vanmeter	1	J. H. Vanmeter, Jr	1
D. H. Dodd	1	Lizzie McMurran	1
C. W. Foltz	1	Lizzie Riley	4
M. T. Butts	1	J. E. Houser	1
Wm. Hess	2	J. B. Gregory	1
G. S. Gelwix	2	C. L. Curtis	1
James Robinson	3	Jesse Robinson	2
H. S. Butler	1	Lizzie Carper	2
J. H. Downs	1	Joseyh L. Colbert	2
J. P. K. Miller	1	J. A. Chapman	1
Alice C. Ambrose	3	Betty L. Sincindiver	1
Jennie Ambrose	2	Lizzie Gordon	1
George W. Green	2	Ella Hayslett	1
Lucy C. Butler	2	Turner Melton	2
Sarah C. Johnson	1	George Gray	1
M. L. Clifford	1	Thomas Williamson	1
J. W. Corsley	2	Ella N. Dean	3
Wm. Swartz	1	R. S. Williams	2

BOONE COUNTY—Gilbert M. Ball, *Sup't.*

(*No Written Report*).

TEACHERS AND GRADES OF THEIR CERTIFICATES.

Miss Sarah Keffer	1	Miss H. A. Hopkins	2
Wm. Thomas	1	Miss M. E. Hopkins	2
S. H. Campbell	1	Miss W. A. Hopkins	2
Jno. B. Sayers	1	M. J. Gardener	2
Isaac L. Eustice	1	J. B. Hager	2
W. L. Hughs	1	J. W. Hopkins	2
W. T. Little	1	Wm. H. Ball	2
W. L. Tuder	1	James Kinder	2
Alonzo G. McCue	1	George A. Adkins	2
John F. D. Bowman	1	M. F. Adkins	2
F. H. Bailey	1	J. G. Griffith	2
Jas. A. Sidebottom	1	L. F. Vickers	2
Y. H. Wood	1	Isaac Heteric	2
Miss Alice Cumi.	2	Seth Foster	3
Miss Eliza Adkins	2	Charles L Kinder	3
Miss Adda Hopkin	2	Henry Williams	3
Miss Rhoda D. Keffer	2		

BRAXTON COUNTY—Samuel S. Stonestreet, *Sup't.*

I herewith send my report showing the condition of the common schools in this county during the past year, ending August 31, 1879.

I have received the secretaries' reports as shown in my report.

There are five districts, eighty-five sub-districts and one independent district.

By reference to this report you will see that this county will soon have houses enough to accommodate all her children. I think with about six or eight houses (which are being built) she will be supplied.

We can run our schools four months with nearly one-half the expense that it used to cost us. The people have borne the high tax to build their houses and they intend to support the system so that their children may reap the reward. As my report shows the condition of the schools I will not enter into details.

I do not think that section 28, school law as amended in 1879, has a tendency to improve our teachers in this county.

Also the law which compels the teacher to take the enumeration of youths is not appreciated by the mass of our people.

TEACHERS AND GRADES OF THEIR CERTIFICATES.

E. W. Cutlip	1	H. Pierson	1
E. M. McCoy	1	M. S. Hammer	1
C. E. Berry	1	D. M. Engle	1
M. Singleton	1	J. M. Cutlip	1
R. J Huffman	1	Wm. McCoy	1
N. Hamrick	1	J. D. Springston	2
A. M. Berry	1	M. Moore	2
A. J. Haymon	1	M. Henderson	2
L. S. Dillen	1	C. Bartlett	2
J. S. Garee	1	P. L. Curry	2
W. F. Duffield	1	A. Grrwig	2
J. W. Whitsel	1	J. L. Ligget	2
S. M. Rollyson	1	L. J. Berry	2
J. M. Hamrick	1	L. J. James	2
R. A. Heater	1	I. M. Lake	2
J. A. McCanley	1	A. J Cutlip	2
S. B. Bowyer	1	W. H McCanley	2
C. W. Ware	1	J. M. Friend	2
P. R T. Lynch	1	T. E. Friend	2
D. E. Stutler	1	J. Dell	2
L. J. Berry	1	J. R. Denison	2
R A. Henderson	1	H. J. Morrison	2
G. C.Squires	1	J M Stewart	2
J. Griffin	1	J G. Snell	2
M. V. Carney	1	J. S. Stump	2
J. M. Piersan	1	J. A. Willoughby	2
G. R. Gibson	1	A. Henderson	2
B. C McNutt	1	T. J. Hosey	2
J. F Cartright	1	F. W. Queen	3
J. Bradfield	1	J. Bender	3
J. A. Pierson	1	H. M. Hickman	3
J. L. Loyd	1	P. Targgart	3
E. C. Garee	1	J. W. Cook	3
A. Hamric	1	J. C. Salsberry	3
L. W. Rollyson	1		

BROOKE COUNTY—GEORGE A. BAXTER, *Sup't.*

Our school work for the last year has been encouraging to all the friends of the free school. Our teachers have been efficient; our pupils regular in attendance, and interested in their studies; our school officers and patrons attentive to the wants of the schools.

The Graded School of Wellsburg, under the charge of Prof. T. E. Orr, deserves special mention; also the Graded School of Bethany, under the care of Rev. J. W. Hough.

The Institute this summer, conducted by Prof. T. E. Orr, was decidedly the best we have had, so far as practical teaching is concerned. The attendance was very good, and the members appeared to take more interest in the exercises than on former occasions.

Prof. Crago, of Moundsville, was present and assisted in conducting classes, and gave us several earnest addresses on school work, &c.

The people of this county are dissatisfied with the change made by the last Legislature as to the appointment of teachers and the duties of trustee.

TEACHERS AND GRADES OF THEIR CERTIFICATES.

Miss Mollie Bane	1	Miss Fannie Travis	2
Bernard Hereran	1	Mrs. C. R. Sharp	2
Miss Kate Hanlin	1	James A. McFadden	3
Miss Allie F. Griffith	1	W. J. McCann	1
E. F. Rideout	2	Miss R. C. Hawkins	1
C. B. Mc abe	1	John S Cree	1
Miss Clara B. Weaver	1	Peter Perrine	1
Miss Rea J. Wilson	1	Charles W. Johnson	2
John S. Campbell	1	Charles E Gullett	1
S. P. Lezear	1	S. W. Criss	2
R. W. Asberry	2	James M. Reynolds	1
Miss Jennie A. Scott	1	John F. Green	1
Miss Maggie B. Campbell	1	Miss Lizzie Hough	1
Miss Mary J. Orr	2	Walter Mitchell	1
James L. Cox	2	D. E. Biggs	1
Miss Emma G. Hunter	1		

CABELL COUNTY—T. B. SUMMERS, *Sup't.*

In submitting the annual report for the year ending August 31st, 1880, I would say that our schools have been very efficiently and faithfully conducted. I know of no organization or profession whose members are more devoted or more deserving than the teachers of Cabell county. They not only labor to improve the pupils entrusted to their charge, but themselves also, and the kindest good-will exists between every member of the profession. The people are becoming more interested; they want to do everything that is possible for the success of the school system, and only fail sometimes by pursuing improper methods.

The greatest drawback to our schools is non-attendance, and this is often caused by the pupils not being supplied with books or the proper ones to interest them. I really believe that our schools would do more good in one month less time if the proper books were supplied or provided for by a public fund; also supply every parent or guardian of a child of school age with an Educational Journal for six months, commencing in August, and have it so well conducted that no parent would be willing to have his child remain at home. The Journal would not cost one-tenth as much as absence and non-membership.

Teachers should be required to keep a monthly record of attendance and absence, and note the percentage of advancement of each pupil and post it at the end of each month in a conspicuous place in the school house, so that the people may see the reason why our schools do not accomplish more.

In regard to the employment of teachers, it would be better for the trustee to engage the teacher and fix the salary, subject to the supervision of the Board of Education. As it is practical and experienced teachers are made to suffer by being continually held (in point of salary) on a level with new beginners of no experience whatever, which is ruinous to the profession, and with such a system

it will be impossible to keep up the corps of teachers to any commendable degree of proficiency, for the better teachers are continually quitting the profession.

The District Institute, which convened at Huntington on the 26th of July, 1880, conducted by Profs. Degraffe and Ladd, was very instructive and was highly appreciated by the teachers in attendance. We only wish that every teacher in the county had been present, for it is not often we have the opportunity of receiving the instruction of such able and distinguished educators. We feel very grateful to you for the honor conferred on our county.

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Miss Mollie Pennybacker	2	W. J. Mossman	3
Miss Maggie Stephenson	2	William B. Hawkins	2
James H. Swann	2	William Burdett	1
W. C. Bramlett	2	M. F. Jordan	2
Miss Lizzie Erwin	2	J. L. Whitten	2
A. L. Wigal	2	E. Deffenbaugh	3
E. C. Switzer	2	W. H. Malcolm	2
J. H. White	0	R. H. Hackworth	0
J. F. Herndon	2	John Turley	2
Stephen Davis	2	W. S. Rece	2
Miss Emma Blake	2	J. H. Blackwood	3
Miss A. M. Fiernan	2	R. H. Wiley	2
L. E. Harrison	3	C. H. Neal	2
J. M. Hatfield	2	J. H. Swann	2
Miss Mollie Henderson	2	I. V. Swann	3
Miss Julia Wilcoxen	3	J. F. Lambert	2
Miss Mollie Pennybacker	2	Mrs. S. W. Jefferson	2
Miss Jennie McGinnis	2	Miss Emma Swann	2
Miss Vida A. Stewart	2	C. C. Hay	3
Miss Fannie B. Ellis	3	T. W. Pevton	2
Miss Hattie E. Abbott	1	Miss Sallie M. Peyton	1
Miss Eugie E. White	2	J. H. Lamering	3
Miss Mary M. Johnston	2	Miss Ola Stewart	2
Miss Lizzie Stone	2	Austin Wigal	1
Miss Mary Puthuff	3	Miss Libbie Johnston	2
Miss Emma Blake	2	Miss Willie R. Gallaher	2
Miss Fannie Morris	1	Miss Fannie E. Mitchell	2
Miss Sallie Morris	1	J. T. Unsell	2
Miss Lizzie Stevens	2	Colonel Childers	2
Miss Dora Spangenberg	3	Miss Emma E. Donnella	3
Miss Ruth Stevens	0	Miss M. L. Erwin	1
Miss A. Blanche Enslow	2	L. B. Madison	1
Miss Melissa Miller	2	John W. Williams	2
Miss Susanna Harman	2	Miss Bertie Stewart	3
Miss Victoria Harman	2	Miss Virginia Peyton	1
Miss Alice Neal	2	Miss Lizzie Huxham	1
J. E. Morris	2	Miss A. M. Tiernan	1
F. B. Stewart	2	Miss F. Emma Beuhring	1
L. E. Harrison	3	Miss V. E Beuhring	2
P. H. Swann	2	Miss Mary L. Beuhring	2
M. S. Bias	1	J. F. Weed	1
M A. Bias	1	J. F. Herndon	1
William McKendree	2	Miss Emma McComas	2
H. S. Swann	1	Miss Grace Clark	2
George R. Blume	1	Theodore Wilson (col'd)	2
F. M. Malcolm	2	W. S. Peters "	2
Miss Ellen McChesney	2	J W. Liggins "	3
G. W. Priddy	1	W. T. Smith "	2
J. D Carter	1	Samuel Eubanks "	3
E. C. Switzer	2		

CALHOUN COUNTY—R. W. HALL, *Sup't.*

I herewith transmit my first annual report of the condition of free schools in the county of Calhoun, which, I regret to say, is not as full and complete as I desire, but as much so as I was able to make it from

the reports received from the secretaries of the Boards, and other information from the records of my office would enable me to make it. I was informed by the secretaries that their reports were as full and correct as they were able to make them from the reports of teachers, etc., on which they were based.

As the law requiring County Superintendents to visit the schools has been changed, and as he receives nothing for his services for so doing, I was unable to visit all the schools in Calhoun county, and therefore can not report as fully as I would wish in regard to the general progress of the same, etc. But while I regret to say in some parts of the county there is not as much interest taken as should be, yet the free schools are doing a good work for this county. I am doing all I can to stimulate and encourage the cause of education in this county. I think if County Superintendents were required to visit and examine schools, and to give due notice of it, and get out all the parents, or as many as possible, to attend the same, it would infuse a new life into teachers, pupils and parents, and materially advance the cause of education. It would also aid in purging the profusion of incompetent and unworthy teachers. I do not recommend this from any selfish motive, as my wages can neither be increased or diminished during my term of office, and I do not expect to be a candidate for re-election. I also think that if our schools were entirely supported by a State levy instead of a State and district, as at present, it would place the system upon a more permanent and just basis, and better secure the principal object of the system—to enable those too poor to educate their children to do so. This appears to me to be necessary, right and equally just to all. As the Boards of Education are essential to the success of the system I think it but simple justice that its members should receive a reasonable compensation for their services. We would thereby receive the services of better men, and it would be economy to do so. I Hope that God may bless all our efforts to advance the cause of education in our State, and that he may bless it everywhere.

TEACHERS AND GRADES OF THEIR CERTIFICATES.

Hagan Barr	2	S. A. Knotts	1
R. F. Chenoworth	1	H. C. Lockaway	1
Charles Cook	2	C. C. McDonnell	0
Wm. Coe	3	E. F. Marshall	2
W. M. Ellison	2	N. H. Robinson	1
B. F. Ferrell	2	John N. Robinson	2
Thos. K. Ferrell	1	Austin Stump	2
W Franklin	2	E. H. Stump	2
W Funk	2	Chantilla Stump	3
H C. Goodnight	1	Jeff Davis Sturm	2
E C. Jennings	0	J. P Shark	2
Warren Johnson	1	Isaac H. Thomas	3
N. F. Kenner	3	Josie Walker	2
D. W. Knight	1		

CLAY COUNTY—JOHN B. MORRIS, *Sup't.*

(*No Written Report.*)

TEACHERS AND GRADES OF THEIR CERTIFICATES.

Jacob Kieth	1	P. C. Reed	1
John R. Chapman	1	S. N. Rollyson	1
S. H. Ashley	1	G. C. Summers	1
W. M. Ellison	2	Alexander Summers	1
Elijah Walker	3	Samuel Stephenson	1
H. L. Morris	1	Sherman Stephenson	1
James Landerson	2	Foursythe Stephenson	1
R. E Lesneur	1	W. F. Hamric	2
Morgan Triplet	3	J. M. Grose	1
G. W. Morton	1	B. C. Fitzwater	1
L. P. Rogers	2	Joseph Ellison	2
Cora M. Young	2	S. W. Rollyson	1
J. W. VanBibber	1		

DODDRIDGE COUNTY—S. F. Lowther, *Sup't.*

It is a difficult matter to make the report prove on account of the way some of the boards have kept their accounts. My report is late by my not receiving the district reports in time and correct. I hopeit will be in time and will answer your purpose.

TEACHERS AND GRADES OF THEIR CERTIFICATES.

David Rose	2	Kate McKinley	3
Daniel Strother	0	F. P. Ford	2
J. P. Freeman	1	J. T. Carter	2
W. L. Cox	0	David A Rose	2
James W. Stuck.	0	C A. McConnell	2
J. F. Truman	2	Emmet McConnell	2
R. B. Phillips	2	M. D. Barnett	3
G. C, Murray	3	J L F. Freeman	1
G. W. Tharp	0	D. P. Strother	3
C. A. McConnell	3	James E. Strother	3
Emmet McConnell	3	F. N. Williams	2
Claud Shannon	1	George McKinley	0
Amster Beber	2	L L. Bailey	3
John A. Davis	3	Albert A. Strickling	3
W. C. Burnside	0	Henderson Peck	2
Thos. Shaw	1	Joseph Simpson	2
George S. Smith	1	Emmet McConnell	2
J. R. Roberts	3	May S. Jeffrey	2
Silas P. Smith	2	Annie V. Weekley	2
Silas Dawson	0	Samuel H. Smith	2
C. F. Randolph	3	James E. Stuck	3
Lewis F. Randolph	2	Wm. H Brennan	2
M L Chedester	2	T. C. Gilespie	3
Josie R. Scott	0	Luther E. Kile	3
Laura A. Scott	0	T P. Douglass	2
Mollie Benninger	0	Josie R. Scott	3
Ella Charter	1	Nannie C Loveall	3
Hettie Jeffrey	2	Kate Schutte	3
Lizzie Hickman	2	Minda Underwood	3
Fanny McGill	2	Lillie M. Slocomb	3
Dellie Criss	2	James B Brennan	1
Florence O. Allen	2	G. C. Murray	2
Milton Steel	1	John A. Russell	3
Viola C. Davis	3	A. J. Wade	2
C. M. F. Randolph	2	Edith Staley	2
Lizzie Langfitt	2	Emma Benninger	3
M E. McClain	2	Mollie Benninger	3
David A. McClain	2	Silas B. Allen	3
R. L. McClain	2	Bird Rider	2
M. D. Barnett	3	James Henry	1
A. J. Gaskins	3	Malissa A. Nicholas	2
W. C. Wilson	0	T. J. Sherwood	2
Julie E Offutte	2	Mary A. Strickling	2

FAYETTE COUNTY--BENJAMIN BIBB, *Sup't.*

In submitting this, my first annual report of the condition of free schools of my county, it affords me pleasure to state that a large majority of the people of Fayette county manifest an increasing interest in education, and, with the exception of Falls District, which voted against "power to levy," they are nearly a unit in favor of free schools. Even the people of Falls District voted for "power to levy" last August.

As the school law, as amended, makes it no longer the duty of County Superintendents to visit the schools, and makes no provision to pay them for such work, I have not visited the schools of my county, and can, therefore, say but little concerning them. I will add, however, that, so far as I have been able to ascertain, a majority of the schools were well conducted, and gave general satisfaction. Some were conducted by teachers whose qualifications were not good, and the result was dissatisfaction, and, in some instances, school difficulties.

In order to rid the schools of incompetent teachers, by forcing them to qualify themselves better or quit the profession, the Board of Examiners thought best to make the examinations more rigid the the present year. This plan causes some complaint on the part of teachers, but will, in my opinion, add much to the efficiency and popularity of the schools.

The Boards of Education of the county are composed of some of our best citizens, who seem to have the cause of education at heart. But they err in one particular, in my judgment, and that is in the low wages they pay teachers. It would seem that they have yet to learn that good work demands good wages.

Our school law, in my opinion, needs amending in several particulars. I believe that the Legislature made a mistake when it changed the law in regard to County Superintendents visiting schools. I am decidedly of opinion that active supervision by a competent man would be of good benefit to the schools in stimulating teacher, patron and pupil to greater efforts in the cause of education. So far as my experience goes, I am not favorably impressed with the law making it the duty of Boards of Education to employ the teachers. It has been the cause of some dissatisfaction already in this county. I would therefore recommend that trustees be empowered to employ the teachers as formerly, as they would in most instances be more apt to suit the patrons of the schools in selecting teachers.

It seems to me that the time has come when it is no longer good policy to submit to the people at every school election the question of "levy or no levy." It has a tendency to encourage the enemies of free schools, does injustice to the children of those districts that vote against levy, and makes the cause of free education in some localities dependent upon the will or caprice of a few.

A change in the law making free schools a fixed institution in every district in the State would, in my opinion, add strength and efficiency to the system. I would also recommend that the State school tax be increased so as to make the district school tax less burdensome to the people of the poorer counties.

TEACHERS AND GRADES OF THEIR CERTIFICATES.

H. J. Tucker	1	M. Wriston	2
J. C. Love	1	M. S. Abbott (colored)	2
H. B. Rice (colored)	1	George W. Farr	2
Miss Sianna Roles	1	J. C. Farr	2
J. R Ford	1	J. H. Burdett	2
W. E. Feazell	1	Miss Lizzie J. Boone	2
S. H. Love	1	W. F. Boone	2
O. T. Hutchison	1	J. A. Boone	2
Miss Hallie C Easley	1	Miss M. S. Boone	2
Miss Fannie A. Nichols	1	Miss Fannie Bates	2
Miss Nannie J Dewes	1	A. A. Cavendish	2
S. M. N. Marrs	1	Miss A. J. Kesler	2
W. H. Deitz	1	J. W. Sevy	2
H. H. Beynolds	1	James Armstrong	3
T. H. Cavendish	1	C. H. J. Taylor (colored)	3
S. M. Campbell	1	Mrs. M. E. Huddlestone	3
W. A. Amick	2	W. F. Minter	3
A. L Mills	2	James Boone	3
J. H. Burdett	2	M. D. Walker	3
T. C. McVey	2	Miss L. Anderson	3
H. L. Wriston	2	Miss S. Fitzwater	3
A. O. Darlington	2	T. C. McVey	3
L. K. Armstrong	2	George D Haynes	3
W. T. McKinney (colored)	2	Miss N. Kessler	3

Some of the teachers in the above list were examined twice within the year—once at the commencement and again near the close.

GILMER COUNTY.—James C. Bush, *Sup't.*

I herewith submit to you my first annual report of the common schools of Gilmer county for the school year ending August 31, 1880.

The statistics and financial report herewith returned are as accurate and complete as it is possible for me to make them from the materials furnished me by the Secretaries of the various Boards of Education. I have delayed making this report until a late hour, thinking to obtain a more accurate report. In some cases I went to the Secretaries' books, but they have been kept in such a manner that I could gain no information from them.

In some respects the free schools of this county are making some progress. Our teachers as a class, during the last year, have tried to do their duty. The most serious difficulty with which we have had to contend is the small number of scholars attending the schools compared with the enumeration. The territory of many of our sub-districts is large and sparsely settled, so that in winter quite a number of the smaller children are unable to attend school. At present I see no way by which this trouble may be obviated, and we can only patiently wait for an increase of population, when we will be more able to make our sub-districts smaller.

An Institute was held in August of the present year, conducted by Mrs. Mary R. McGwigan, under the provisions of the amended school law. This Institute was ably conducted, and created quite an interest in the Institute work.

TEACHERS AND GRADES OF THEIR CERTIFICATES.

Miss Mattie Arbuckle	1	P. L. Loudin	3
S. W. Bailey	3	G. W. Moon	0
C. B. Bush	2	B. W. Meadows	1
G. W. Bent	2	R. M. Marshall	2

P. L. Bent	1	B. W. Meadows	1
Mrs. R. E. Bush	2	Miss C. E. McGinnis	2
Miss E Brannon	1	M. B. Morris	3
Miss Ida Brannon	3	Henry Neff	1
M. J. Boggs	3	Henry Neff	1
James Collins	2	A. J. Rymer	1
Mrs. Bettie Chrisman	2	P. P. Springston	2
Miss Mollie Cather	1	Miss Belle Springston	2
James Collins	2	John S. Stump	2
Mrs. Bettie Chrisman	2	J. P. Springston	2
J. N. Craddock	1	J. D. Springston	2
Spencer Collins	0	Austin Stump	0
G. W. Davis	1	James Sleeth	0
Mrs. Julia M. Evans	1	W. L. Stump	3
A. D. Engle	2	W. L. Stump	3
Mrs. Julia M. Evans	1	S. W. Stalnaker	2
W. Franklin	2	J. P. Springston	1
W. Franklin	3	Miss L. S. Springston	1
S. W. Hanson	2	James Sleeth	0
A. B. Harris	2	G. W. Tharp	2
Minor Hurst	3	W. T. Vernon	1
Miss H. V. Hays	2	J. W. Whitsel	2
Miss Addie Haymond	3	C. F. West	3
Miss H. V. Hays	1	Jacob Weaver	3
Miss S. J. Hall	3	John S. Woofter	1
Miss Leonora Johnson	2	Ellet Woofter	1
Miss Leonora Johnson	2	Jacob Weaver	0
J. L. Keller	2	D. E. Weaver	0
M. M. Luzader	1	C. F. Law	2
W. S. Luzader	1	Miss S. J. Hall	2
Miss M. B. Lorentz	3	John Waugh	2

GRANT COUNTY.—Wm. M. Davis, *Sup't.*

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Our location, so far from educational centers, subjects us to many disadvantages; these have been obviated recently, however, in a great measure, by the efficient training of Prof. Fleming, of Fairmont, our Institute instructor for two consecutive years.

We were exceedingly anxious to introduce the graduating system of Prof. Wade to the consideration of the teachers and pupils of our schools, but our labors in the graded school of Petersburg prevented even an attempt. In this connection we desire to enter our earnest protest against the change of the school law respecting the duty of *visiting* the schools by the County Superintendent.

The financial feature of our report is so nearly identical with that of preceding years that we deem a special allusion to it unnecessary, excepting to say, by way of explanation, that the levy for Building Fund is quite heavy in several districts, owing to the fact that new houses are being erected. The graded school of Petersburg Independent District seems to be established upon a firm basis, and will evidently prove an important factor in the future development of educational agencies in our county. Two other districts have such schools in contemplation.

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J. R. Ford	1	J. H. Burdett	2
W. E. Feazell	1	Miss Lizzie J. Boone	2
S. H. Love	1	W. F. Boone	2
O. T. Hutchison	1	J. A. Boone	2
Miss Hallie C Easley	1	Miss M. S. Boone	2
Miss Fannie A. Nichols	1	Miss Fannie Bates	2
Miss Nannie J Dewes	1	A. A. Cavendish	2
S. M. N. Marrs	1	Miss A. J. Kesler	2
W. H. Deitz	1	J. W. Sevy	2
H. H. Beynolds	1	James Armstrong	3
T. H. Cavendish	1	C. H. J. Taylor (colored)	3
S. M. Campbell	1	Mrs. M. E. Huddlestone	3
W. A. Amick	2	W. F. Minter	3
A. L Mills	2	James Boone	3
J. H. Burdett	2	M. D. Walker	3
T. C. McVey	2	Miss L. Anderson	3
H. L. Wriston	2	Miss S. Fitzwater	3
A. O. Darlington	2	T. C. McVey	3
L. K. Armstrong	2	George D. Haynes	3
W. T. McKinney (colored)	2	Miss N. Kessler	3

Some of the teachers in the above list were examined twice within the year—once at the commencement and again near the close.

GILMER COUNTY.—James C. Bush, *Sup't.*

I herewith submit to you my first annual report of the common schools of Gilmer county for the school year ending August 31, 1880.

The statistics and financial report herewith returned are as accurate and complete as it is possible for me to make them from the materials furnished me by the Secretaries of the various Boards of Education. I have delayed making this report until a late hour, thinking to obtain a more accurate report. In some cases I went to the Secretaries' books, but they have been kept in such a manner that I could gain no information from them.

In some respects the free schools of this county are making some progress. Our teachers as a class, during the last year, have tried to do their duty. The most serious difficulty with which we have had to contend is the small number of scholars attending the schools compared with the enumeration. The territory of many of our sub-districts is large and sparsely settled, so that in winter quite a number of the smaller children are unable to attend school. At present I see no way by which this trouble may be obviated, and we can only patiently wait for an increase of population, when we will be more able to make our sub-districts smaller.

An Institute was held in August of the present year, conducted by Mrs. Mary R. McGwigan, under the provisions of the amended school law. This Institute was ably conducted, and created quite an interest in the Institute work.

TEACHERS AND GRADES OF THEIR CERTIFICATES.

Miss Mattie Arbuckle	1	P. L. Loudin	3
S. W. Bailey	3	G. W. Moon	0
C. B. Bush	2	B. W. Meadows	1
G. W. Bent	2	R. M. Marshall	2

P. L. Bent	1	B. W. Meadows	1
Mrs. R. E. Bush	2	Miss C. E. McGinnis	2
Miss E Brannon	1	M. B. Morris	3
Miss Ida Brannon	3	Henry Neff	1
M. J. Boggs	3	Henry Neff	1
James Collins	2	A. J. Rymer	1
Mrs. Bettie Chrisman	2	P. P. Springston	2
Miss Mollie Cather	1	Miss Belle Springston	2
James Collins	2	John S. Stump	2
Mrs. Bettie Chrisman	2	J. P. Springston	2
J. N. Craddock	1	J. D. Springston	2
Spencer Collins	0	Austin Stump	0
G. W. Davis	1	James Sleeth	0
Mrs. Julia M. Evans	1	W. L. Stump	3
A. D. Engle	2	W. L. Stump	3
Mrs. Julia M. Evans	1	S. W. Stalnaker	2
W. Franklin	2	J. P. Springston	1
W. Franklin	3	Miss L. S. Springston	1
S. W. Hanson	2	James Sleeth	0
A. B. Harris	2	G. W. Tharp	2
Minor Hurst	3	W. T. Vernon	1
Miss H. V. Hays	2	J. W. Whitsel	2
Miss Addie Haymond	3	C. F. West	3
Miss H. V. Hays	1	Jacob Weaver	3
Miss S. J. Hall	3	John S. Woofter	1
Miss Leonora Johnson	2	Ellet Woofter	1
Miss Leonora Johnson	2	Jacob Weaver	0
J. L. Keller	2	D. E. Weaver	0
M. M. Luzader	1	C. F. Law	2
W. S. Luzader	1	Miss S. J. Hall	2
Miss M. B. Lorentz	3	John Waugh	2

GRANT COUNTY.—Wm. M. Davis, *Sup't.*

I herewith transmit my first annual report of the condition of free schools in Grant county for the year ending August 31, 1880, believing it to be, approximately, full and correct; and feeling assured that the exhibit thus made will be highly encouraging to the friends of our system of popular education. Our standard of examination for several successive years has been high, possibly too much so; but it has served as an incentive to increased diligence in the studies prescribed by law, and we claim a corps of teachers second to none of the rural counties.

Our location, so far from educational centers, subjects us to many disadvantages; these have been obviated recently, however, in a great measure, by the efficient training of Prof. Fleming, of Fairmont, our Institute instructor for two consecutive years.

We were exceedingly anxious to introduce the graduating system of Prof. Wade to the consideration of the teachers and pupils of our schools, but our labors in the graded school of Petersburg prevented even an attempt. In this connection we desire to enter our earnest protest against the change of the school law respecting the duty of *visiting* the schools by the County Superintendent.

The financial feature of our report is so nearly identical with that of preceding years that we deem a special allusion to it unnecessary, excepting to say, by way of explanation, that the levy for Building Fund is quite heavy in several districts, owing to the fact that new houses are being erected. The graded school of Petersburg Independent District seems to be established upon a firm basis, and will evidently prove an important factor in the future development of educational agencies in our county. Two other districts have such schools in contemplation.

As we have intimated, the future is promising; the opposition to free schools is waning, and we hope will soon be remembered with the things of the past. Our teachers are becoming more interested in educational literature, are shaking off the antiquated methods of instruction, and with the return of prosperous times we hope for an extended term and an increased salary.

TEACHERS AND GRADES OF THEIR CERTIFICATES.

Jennie Baker	2	*Adolph Newman	3
William Br en	3	Wm. F. Nine	2
T. H. Clifford (colored)	3	*John W. Ourp	3
Alexander Cober	2	Ida Parsons	3
*Sallie V. Cunningham	2	John R. Shaffer	2
*James S. Foley	1	*Jacob P. Shove	2
T. W. C. Foley	2	Mattie Shobe	2
Jennie Frederick	1	C. S. Sites	3
*George B. Harman	2	Charles W. Sites	2
Maggie R Harman	2	*J. T. Shillingburg	2
*Jonathan Hiser	2	Thomas E Shillingburg	2
W. P. Hollen	2	*James S. Snodgrass	2
*Mary Hutton	2	James M. Weese	2
S. S. C. Idleman	2	*Mrs. Anna K. Welton	2
J. C. Judy	1	Sallie R. Welton	2
W. H. Kuhn	2	Dennis Wiemer	2
Wm. M. Lyon	2	B. C Van e	3
J. N. McMullan	1	Jacob Sie er	2
Sam. B. McNemar	1	William B. Strother	2
A. S. Michael	1	George H. Throop	1
May Mooman	2		

EXEMPTED FROM EXAMINATION BY REASON OF HAVING 3 NO. 1 CERTIFICATES.

S. S. Feaster	1st year	Thomas I. Lemon	2d year
James L. Holt	1st year	Mrs. Lizzie McNemar	1st year

*Examined twice during the school year.

GREENBRIER COUNTY.—Thos. H. Dennis, *Sup't.*

I herewith submit my report of the working of the free schools of Greenbrier county for the year ending August 31, 1880. I cannot claim that the report is correct in every particular. I find that the District Secretaries differ in opinion as to what is called for by some of the headings given in the forms for their annual reports, nor do they understand alike the printed directions on these forms. I find too that the directions given the District Secretaries, for making some of the calculations called for, do not correspond with those given the County Superintendent for making the same calculations.* I think that the directions printed on the form used by the County Superintendent should be also printed, as far as they are applicable, in the form used by the District Secretaries. In this way, as will be readily seen uniformity will be secured, and much confusion prevented.

There were no schools in Anthoney's Creek District this year, and therefore that district has not been taken into account in this report.

*This difference arises from changes made in the new forms, which we have provided for the County Superintendents, correcting errors in the old forms which were in the hands of Secretaries. These old forms will be no longer used, and the want of uniformity referred to will be corrected in the new forms for the Secretary. The result will be a report in all respects more accurate.

STATE SUPERINTENDENT.

TEACHERS AND GRADES OF THEIR CERTIFICATES.

A. J. Livesay	1	Wm. P. Ott	2
Quin Morton	1	S. I. Alderson	2
Fannie R. Hanna	1	J. L. Miller	2
Lucy A. Walkup	1	J. S. Walker	2
M W. Walton	1	Mattie W Cooper	2
O. H. Perry	1	W. N. McClung	2
James T. Rucker	1	S. B. Miller	2
Henry Gilluer	1	John J Wright	2
E. H. Marquess	1	H. E. Beckner	2
E. I. Renick	1	H. L. Coffman	3
Ida Leps	1	H. Clay Caldwell	3
R. W. Hanna	1	Fannie Surbaugh	3
John M. Sydenstricker	1	Sallie W. Bright	3
C. N. Coffman	2	A. B. Burns	3
G. B. McKinney	2	Wm. G. Black	3
George J Bennett	2	Thomas H. Sixeas	3
Ida Walkup	2	P B. Patton	3
J. H. Walton	2	S. W. Osborne	3
Thomas G Mann	2	W. J. Hughart	3
A. C. McMillion	2	James O. A. Deitz	3
H. C. Nicholas	2	H. E. Sharp	3
C H. Hanna	2	C. H. Burns	3
Annie E. Baker	2	Wm. Deitz	3
Nannie V. Reinsburger	2	Isaac C. Osborne	3
Sallie E. Harford	2		
Kate Fink	2	COLORED.	
M. J. Alderson	2		
R. D. Alderson	2	D. A Robinson	2
W. B. McWhorter	2	M. S G. Abbott	2
C. L. Davis	2	Annie E. Herron	2
Lou E. Walker	2	B. T. Perkins	3
Wm. J. Clay	2	G. W. Deskins	3
D. M. Fleshman	2	A. J. H. Crawford	3
Lewis T. Stalnaker	2	George A. Woodford	3
D. W. Ayres	2	G. W. Taylor	3
A. F. Crookshanks	2	Frank R. Perkins	3
C. K. Thompson	2	Charles Holmes	3
C. W. Fleshman	2	Louisa Lewis	3

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY—Chas. H. Hiett, *Sup't.*

I forward herewith my annual statistical and financial report of the condition of Free Schools for the year ending August 31st, 1880. I have tried to make it correct, though the reports of some of the secretaries are very imperfect. Others made good reports.

The examination given is that of the present school year, as the blanks seem intended for that enumeration; but the distribution of the State fund and the calculations in column 132 are based upon the enumeration of last year.

School interests are progressing finely in this county, with this exception: that while the Board of Examiners is constantly elevating the standard of scholarship, the Boards of Education are yearly reducing the salaries.

In the untimely death of Mr. J. C. Shanholtzer, the profession in our county sustains the loss of one of its brightest ornaments. Although he had not attained his majority he had become one of our best teachers, and bid fair in a few years to outstrip us all.

TEACHERS AND GRADES OF THEIR CERTIFICATES.

J. Walker Pultz	1	Henry Rolls	3
Alexander C. Cowgill	1	Miss Maggie C. Pugh	3
F. M. Fravel	1	W. J. Doman	3
Miss —— Dodson	1	C. W. Spangler	3
Miss Laura Clayton	1	Robert Riley	3
Rev. W. Eichelberger	1	James R. Riley	3
Rev. William K. Marshall	1	John McIntyre	3
Miss Lilly M. Bailey	1	Levi O. Freis	3
Miss Levina Anderson	2	Thomas D. Pugh	3
Miss Elizabeth Todd	2	Calvin L. Carter	3
Miss Annie Kuykendall	2	David W. Pugh	3
Walter Stickley	2	W. O. R. Spaid	3
Samuel I. Kreemer	2	J. C. Smith	3
Charles M. Pultz	2	Simon Rudolph	3
Thomas Dailey	2	George W. Shockey	3
Daniel M. Showan	2	Miss Ella May Johnson	3
Jonathan F. Tutwiler	2	Noah W. Haines	3
Miss Mary E. Kackley	2	I. I. Pownall	3
Herman A. Meyer	2	Joseph W Alderton	3
George A. Hott	2	Miss Lizzie Henderson	3
Charles E. Thompson	2	W. A. Ogden	3
George A. Walkup	2	T. F. Powelson	3
Dr. J. W. Shull	2	Lemuel S. Barrett	3
Miss Bertie Kelso	2	James G Ruckman	3
*James C. Shanholtzer	2	Miss Ettie V. Easter	3
Basil W. Shanholtzer	2	William C Parsons	3
R. S. Petitt	2	Thomas Smith	3
T. G. Pownall	2	E. S. Arnold	3
John W. Hockman	2	James T. McAboy	3
L. H. L. Henderson	2	Miss Emma Wirgman	3
Isaac M. Hockman	2	William F. Wirgman	3
C. J. Reid	2	Benjamin F Cardu	3
Rev. A. C. Gearhart	2	B. M. Offutt	3
Col. Samuel Cooper	2	J. Tyrral	4
Miss Sue Goings	3	Robert D. Haines	5
Miss Ella McGill	3		
J. W. McDowell	3	NORMAL GRADUATES.	
Benjamin J. Powell	3		
C. H. Cookus	3	Miss Addie Swisher	
James Kelley	3	Charles F. Poland	
Warner T. High	3	John A. Staley	
John A. McBride	3	E E. Mercer	
James P. Nealis	3	William S. Hennen	
Miss Lizzie Diffenbaugh	3	Miss Fawcet	
A. N. Poland	3		

EXEMPTED FROM EXAMINATION.

Miss Clara K. Clayton	Rev. John Tompkin

HANCOCK COUNTY.—V. B. BERNARD, *Sup't.*

I hereby submit to you my third annual report of free schools for Hancock county. I have delayed it until this late day on account of some of the Secretaries of Boards of Education failing to make their reports at the proper time. Not having visited the schools, I am poorly prepared to make a definite report as regards their progress during the year just closed. There were no schools in Butler district during the year, the people having voted against power to levy. Our Teachers' Institute, held during the first week in August, was well attended by our teachers. Our county is well supplied with good school buildings. With four exceptions, each school house is furnished with patent seats and desks. Taking everything into consideration, I think the schools of this county will compare favorably with those throughout the State.

TEACHERS AND THEIR GRADES OF CERTIFICATES,

John W. Quinn	1	Ella A. Creswell	2
H. B. Scott	1	Sallie Cameron	2
J. B. Langhlin	1	Maggie L. McDonald	1
Emma Ramsey	2	Rudie L. Beebout	1
J. O. Marshall	0	Julia Schuuble	3
Mary Ramsey	2	John S Gallagher	2
Lizzie Edie	1	Emma Miller	1
Jasper Bradley	3	John W. McDonald	2
J. E. Burt	3	Lizzie Brenneman	3
J. W. McDonald	1	Belle Morrow	2
Effie C. Hallock	1	A. M. Jackson	2
Flora Campbell	3	Mary J. Orr	2
Lizzie E. Campbell	3	J. E. Wilkinson	1
W. A. Leisser	3	E. D. Marshall	1
Nannie Frank	3		

HARDY COUNTY.—L. T. Hoover, *Sup't.*

I am glad to state that our schools are making some progress, notwithstanding the opposition from the wealthy portion of the community who have the largest amount of taxes to pay. Let our Legislature remedy the defects in our school system and thus break down this opposition, so that our schools may work without hindrance.

TEACHERS AND GRADES OF THEIR CERTIFICATES.

Alice Rinker	2	George W. Cullers	3
Jacob W. Kauffman	2	Joseph May	2
A. Walker	2	John Mayers	2
W. V. Eberly	3	A. B. Jenkins	3
Henry Heisghonan	2	George E Irvin	3
John R. Hawse	2	J. R. Baker	2
J. R. Cleon	3	H. R. Orndorff	2
W. S. Marshall	2	W. M. Nihiser	3
John E. Wilson	2	D. B. Haynes	2
Alice Bean	2	N. C. Heishman	0
Laura Hall	2	Lizzie Miller	3
D. H. Sherrard	1	Laura F. Wilson	2
John S. Gamble	3	F. P. Allen	3
J. V. Seymour	2	R. H. Long	3
Hattie Newhouse	3	J. W. Pope	3
L. C. Eberly	2	P. H. Snaro	3
Hawkins Orndorff	2	E. Shafer	2
James H. Orndorff	3	Siram May	2
Bettie Gamble	2	Joseph W. Dashea	2
Kate P. Gamble	1	S. T. Goings	3
Laura W. Gamble	3	D. C. Flaherty	3
Lucy T. Cunningham	3	Annie L. Marshall	3
Salie V. Cunningham	3	J. B. Spriggs (colored)	3
C. D. Loft	3	G. W. Strauder (colored)	3
Sallie Chambers	3	Jennetta Freeman	4
Carrie Chambers	3	John P. Lovett	3
F. G. Jacob	3	Mary A. Howard	4
W. V. P. May	3		

HARRISON COUNTY.—J. R. Adams, *Sup't.*

You will please excuse my delay. I waited until October court in order that I might have some corrections made in one or two settlements between some of our Boards of Education and the Sheriff; but court adjourned without doing anything in the matter. I have done the best I could, and submit you my report, believing that it contains a correct statement of the condition of free schools in the county of Harrison.

Clay District of our county adopted Prof. Wade's "Graduating

System" last winter. It worked admirably. There was quite an unusual interest in the schools all winter. The examinations in the spring were well attended and gave evidence of thorough work. As a result of its workings quite a number of schools in that district were continued through the summer months at private expense. I think the system a good one, but it cannot be generally introduced unless made a part of our school work by law. Our Legislature would do well to consider its merits.

I am much pleased with the present form of County Superintendent's report. I think it quite an improvement. I would suggest that the form of Secretary's report be made to correspond. I think it would be an aid to the Secretaries in making their reports.*

*This will be done in the new forms —STATE SUPERINTENDENT.

TEACHERS AND GRADES OF THEIR CERTIFICATES.

J. S. Hustead	2	W S. Sharp	3
F. M. Harbert	1	Mary E. Bowman	3
Lydia C. Garrett	2	Meigs A Holden	1
Columbia A. Denham	1	Claude A Williams	3
Mariam Denham	1	R L. Hoff	2
Marcellus Thompson	1	Charles H. Shain	2
Peter H. Hammond	1	William C. Perine	2
J. M. Davisson	1	Julia Smith	2
Boyd Stout	3	J. M. Stutler	1
Mollie Swisher	1	C. S. Gerrard	1
J. S. Kile	2	W. P. Jett	2
A. T. Corder	2	M. W. Grayson	1
J. L. Wood	2	E. R Bacchus	2
M. Conley	2	W. E. Ward	1
Lizzie M. Cost	2	J G Lawson	1
J. S. Price	2	R B. Ward	2
B. L. Boggess	3	Ada Northcott	2
Alice A. Lyon	2	Lloyd M. Jarvis	2
Mattie J. Teter	2	Gertrude Rector	3
J. M. M. Bennedum	1	Ruhama Bell	2
Mrs. M. E. Ensminger	3	J. W Brinner	1
S. A. Cavalier	2	Creed Crim	1
G. W. Swiger	2	Albert Hoff	1
J. W. Flanigan	2	E. M. Davisson	1
Flavius G Orr	2	M S. Blair	1
Ellen D. Walker (special grade)	4	A. W. Rector	2
David Ross Martin	2	J. H. Burns	1
J. H. Rusk	3	Dora B. Rogers	1
Lavina Pepper	3	Ella Wolf	2
E. W. Lawson	1	Anna Dunn	1
J. W. Maxon	1	Dora Ridenour	1
Annie Ogden	3	Amelia McKay	1
Arthur H. Clark	1	J. B. High	1
Miss Willie Short	1	Kate Gallagher	2
Ella Short	1	J. E. Curry	1
Clara Strickler	2	Rufus Holden	1
Lloyd E. Sturm	1	J. W. Cowherd	1
George W. Martin	2	Della Criss	1
T. B. Martin, Jr	2	Alice Kelly	1
Dudley P Moore	2	Emma Bartlett	2
Wirt W. Wood	1	Columbia A. High	2
S. G. Wadsworth	2	John Duncan	2
A. Q. Fortney	3	Nellie Barns	1
H. A. Swiger	2	John E. Romine	3
J. S. Pigott	2	N M. Sommerville	2
Cornelia Jones	3	Corinne Reynolds	2
Frank Colgrove	1	P B. Davis	2
L. D. Frum	3	Rosa L. Smith	2
George L. Pigott	2	Mollie V. Smith	2
Thomas Hawker	2	G. P. Strayley	1
John T. Shore	2	J. N. Wolverton	2
W. E. Pigott	3	J. P. Freeman	1
E. J Sturm	1	B. J. Hudkins	2
Thomas J. Righter	2	G. C. McKinley	3
F. M. Pigott	3	G. M Kile	1
J. L Craig	1	L. L. Bailey	2
Rebecca J. Turner	2	Lucetta Brake	2
W. B. Wilkinson	2	Mary M. Bowen	2
Stephen A. Coffman	3		

JACKSON COUNTY.—H. P. HALBERT, *Sup't.*

(No Written Report.)

TEACHERS AND GRADES OF THEIR CERTIFICATES.

Miss Mary Staats	1	K D Huff	1
J W Green	1	L B Pickens	1
W F Bonnett	2	W L Powell	2
Miss Anna Campbell	2	J H Johnston	2
Elijah McRa	2	James B Curry	1
G A Davis	1	J P Parsons	1
R B Howard	1	C N Matheney	1
W J King	1	Benjamin Cheuvront	1
J S Brannan	1	R M Gross	1
W A Rankin	1	W H Miller	1
Robert Mate	3	O T Thomas	2
James Alexander	2	Adam Harpold	2
W A Carney	2	Miss Jemima Rama	2
J W Parsons	2	Miss Kate Ashley	3
O B Kiser	2	Miss Della Lyon	1
A B Reedy	1	James Jones	2
S W Stone	1	Miss Laura Hughes	2
B F Windle	1	Miss Victoria King	2
L L Davis	3	William Sleeth	1
E N McLaughlin	1	William A Carney	2
W F Carter	2	Miss Maggie Wright	2
J C Casto	1	Miss Lettie Lewis	1
G W Parsons	1	Miss Melissa Flemming	1
J O Shinn	2	John Hargrave	2
A Harpold	2	I O Nelson	1
F A Sayre	2	D W Cunningham	1
J H Johnson	3	R P Cunningham	1
W A Cadle	2	Columbus Casto	1
E C Smith	1	Addison Casto	1
W S Duff	1	J P Kiser	1
P H Slaven	1	G M Wolf	3
J R Slaven	1	Miss Rachael Carnihan	1
M O Archer	2	Miss E F Payne	1
C G Archer	1	Miss Ona Owens	1
J E Wilson	1	Miss Bell Brown	1
W R Cozart	2	E W Straley	1
J P Anderson	1	Miss Esther Parsons	1
A E Archer	1	Newton Duffield	1
J F German	2	J H Johnston	1
J M Pierce	3	J M Silaz	1
G T Brummel	3	G H Bennett	1
E H Flinn	1	W F Bennett	2
J H Kerr	1	O B Kiser	1
W J King	1	Miss Louisa Norris	3
G R Male (colored)	3	Miss Anna Campbell	3
J M Alexander	2	O T Hutchinson	1
W W Livingston	1	William F Starcher	1
R B Carter	2	W A Rankin	1
W D Kieffe	1	J M Parsons	1
Miss Carrie Ward	1	G W Parsons	1
Miss Ella Tidd	1	Miss Greek A Chase	1
Miss Alice Slaven	1	Miss Mary Poling	1
J M Barnes	1	O B Corbin	1
B F Davis	1	D E Cole	1
C C Nesslerode	1	S W Stone	1
S C Quickman	2	J S Brannan	1
Miss Tudie Starcher	2	W H Surgeon	3
Miss Sue Morris	2	J M Pfost	1
Miss Camper Morris	2	M V Bowles	2
Miss Florida Gorrell	1	J C Casto	1
Miss Mary Franklin	1	J B Casto	1
Miss Dell Morgan	1	J W Crites	2
Miss Frances Morgan	1	William Bumgardner	2
Miss Mary L Coe	1	A S Corbin	1
Miss Mollie Atkins	1	Lycurgus Maddox	2
Miss Ida Johnston	1	W H Maddox	2
R L Hardesty	1	Elijah McRa	1
George W Hunter	1	A F Slaughter	1
S K Summerville	1	William Slaughter	1
Colin Campbell	2	William Silaz	1
S E Bogges	1	Miss Hallie Wright	1
A. J. Bowles	3		

TEACHERS AND GRADES OF THEIR CERTIFICATES.

H. J. Tucker	1	M. Wriston	2
J. C. Love	1	M. S. Abbott (colored)	2
H. B. Rice (colored)	1	George W. Farr	2
Miss Sianna Roles	1	J. C. Farr	2
J. R. Ford	1	J. H. Burdett	2
W. E. Feazell	1	Miss Lizzie J. Boone	2
S. H. Love	1	W. F. Boone	2
O. T. Hutchison	1	J. A. Boone	2
Miss Hallie C Easley	1	Miss M. S. Boone	2
Miss Fannie A. Nichols	1	Miss Fannie Bates	2
Miss Nannie J. Dewes	1	A. A. Cavendish	2
S. M. N. Marrs	1	Miss A. J. Kesler	2
W. H. Deitz	1	J. W. Sevy	2
H. H. Beynolds	1	James Armstrong	3
T. H. Cavendish	1	C. H. J. Taylor (colored)	3
S. M. Campbell	1	Mrs. M. E. Huddlestone	3
W. A. Amick	2	W. F. Minter	3
A. L Mills	2	James Boone	3
J. H. Burdett	2	M. D. Walker	3
T. C. McVey	2	Miss L. Anderson	3
H. L. Wriston	2	Miss S. Fitzwater	3
A. O. Darlington	2	T. C. McVey	3
L. K. Armstrong	2	George D. Haynes	3
W. T. McKinney (colored)	2	Miss N. Kessler	3

Some of the teachers in the above list were examined twice within the year—once at the commencement and again near the close.

GILMER COUNTY.—James C. Bush, *Sup't.*

I herewith submit to you my first annual report of the common schools of Gilmer county for the school year ending August 31, 1880.

The statistics and financial report herewith returned are as accurate and complete as it is possible for me to make them from the materials furnished me by the Secretaries of the various Boards of Education. I have delayed making this report until a late hour, thinking to obtain a more accurate report. In some cases I went to the Secretaries' books, but they have been kept in such a manner that I could gain no information from them.

In some respects the free schools of this county are making some progress. Our teachers as a class, during the last year, have tried to do their duty. The most serious difficulty with which we have had to contend is the small number of scholars attending the schools compared with the enumeration. The territory of many of our sub-districts is large and sparsely settled, so that in winter quite a number of the smaller children are unable to attend school. At present I see no way by which this trouble may be obviated, and we can only patiently wait for an increase of population, when we will be more able to make our sub-districts smaller.

An Institute was held in August of the present year, conducted by Mrs. Mary R. McGwigan, under the provisions of the amended school law. This Institute was ably conducted, and created quite an interest in the Institute work.

TEACHERS AND GRADES OF THEIR CERTIFICATES.

Miss Mattie Arbuckle	1	P. L. Loudin	3
S. W. Bailey	3	G. W. Moon	0
C. B. Bush	2	B. W. Meadows	1
G. W. Bent	2	R. M. Marshall	2

P. L. Bent	1	B. W. Meadows	1
Mrs. R. E. Bush	2	Miss C. E. McGinnis	2
Miss E Brannon	1	M. B. Morris	3
Miss Ida Brannon	3	Henry Neff	1
M. J. Boggs	3	Henry Neff	1
James Collins	2	A. J. Rymer	1
Mrs. Bettie Chrisman	2	P. P. Springston	2
Miss Mollie Cather	1	Miss Belle Springston	2
James Collins	2	John S. Stump	2
Mrs. Bettie Chrisman	2	J. P. Springston	2
J. N. Craddock	1	J. D. Springston	2
Spencer Collins	0	Austin Stump	0
G. W. Davis	1	James Sleeth	0
Mrs. Julia M. Evans	1	W. L. Stump	3
A. D. Engle	2	W. L. Stump	3
Mrs. Julia M. Evans	1	S. W. Stalnaker	2
W. Franklin	2	J. P. Springston	1
W. Franklin	3	Miss L. S. Springston	1
S. W. Hanson	2	James Sleeth	0
A. B. Harris	2	G. W. Tharp	2
Minor Hurst	3	W. T. Vernon	1
Miss H. V. Hays	2	J. W. Whitsel	2
Miss Addie Haymond	3	C. F. West	3
Miss H. V. Hays	1	Jacob Weaver	3
Miss S. J. Hall	3	John S. Woofter	1
Miss Leonora Johnson	2	Ellet Woofter	1
Miss Leonora Johnson	2	Jacob Weaver	0
J. L. Keller	2	D. E. Weaver	0
M. M. Luzader	1	C. F. Law	2
W. S. Luzader	1	Miss S. J. Hall	2
Miss M. B. Lorentz	3	John Waugh	2

GRANT COUNTY.—Wm. M. Davis, *Sup't.*

I herewith transmit my first annual report of the condition of free schools in Grant county for the year ending August 31, 1880, believing it to be, approximately, full and correct; and feeling assured that the exhibit thus made will be highly encouraging to the friends of our system of popular education. Our standard of examination for several successive years has been high, possibly too much so; but it has served as an incentive to increased diligence in the studies prescribed by law, and we claim a corps of teachers second to none of the rural counties.

Our location, so far from educational centers, subjects us to many disadvantages; these have been obviated recently, however, in a great measure, by the efficient training of Prof. Fleming, of Fairmont, our Institute instructor for two consecutive years.

We were exceedingly anxious to introduce the graduating system of Prof. Wade to the consideration of the teachers and pupils of our schools, but our labors in the graded school of Petersburg prevented even an attempt. In this connection we desire to enter our earnest protest against the change of the school law respecting the duty of *visiting* the schools by the County Superintendent.

The financial feature of our report is so nearly identical with that of preceding years that we deem a special allusion to it unnecessary, excepting to say, by way of explanation, that the levy for Building Fund is quite heavy in several districts, owing to the fact that new houses are being erected. The graded school of Petersburg Independent District seems to be established upon a firm basis, and will evidently prove an important factor in the future development of educational agencies in our county. Two other districts have such schools in contemplation.

Annie Woody	2	E G Roberts	1
F A High	1	J M Chase	1
F J Guthrie	1	Victoria E Burgess	1
Lucy McChesney	1	J E Milton	2
Annie L Woods	1	W B Bailey	2
D M Shirkey	2	Laura A Wood	1
Jennie Stanley	1	M M Thompson	1
P B Burbridge	1	Sallie Hansford	1
Annie Payne	1	Alex McComb	1
Julia E Gillaspie	1	N B Howell	1
M W Clarkson	1	E A Anderson	1
S A Motley	2	G O Chilton	1
Lovica Gibson	1	Laurie Hamilton	1
A H Irving	2	W S Alderson	1
W A Painter	2	R G Withrow	2
H F Asbury	1	Mollie Davis	2
S L White	1	R P Donnally	1
D J Price	1	Laura V Jenkins	2
J G Shirkey	2	Annie Rust	2
Phoebe Seafler	1	Clay Taylor	1
L V Rust	2	B F Hoover	2
H L Wriston	1	G S Wallace	1
Octavia Baxter	1	D B McClannahan	1
Fannie Armstrong	2	Louisa A Wallace	1
Tillie Seafler	1	W S Burdett	2
W T McKinney	2	Annie S Groves	2
Clara Halden	3	Morris P. Hudnal	2
Julia Slack	2	Lizzie McChesney	2

LEWIS COUNTY.—G. W. Crook, *Sup't.*

Enough has already been said concerning the tardiness of this report; the causes leading thereto, I hope, are understood at the Department of Free Schools.

I received no regular report from the Independent District of Weston. I succeeded, however, as soon as my condition would admit of traveling, in getting the Sheriff and Secretary together, by means of which I obtained figures for the basis of my financial report—gathering the remaining statistics in various ways and by such means as I was able to employ. I have not given the names of the nine rejected applicants—do not know that you require them. It has been a custom ever since the organization of a Board of Examiners in this county to refund to rejected applicants the fee paid for examination, the board taking the ground that the disappointment is sufficient cause for grief without the addition of any pecuniary loss. No fee, therefore, is required in this county to inform one that he is not competent to "keep" school.

Since the travel among the schools by the County Superintendent has been cut off by legislative enactment, or rather since it failed to provide for such travel, there is not much of interest to report outside of the regularly tabulated form. I am prepared to say, however, that the schools throughout the entire county were in session for the full term of four months—those of the Independent District of Weston continuing their's for eight months, an extension of time due to the aid obtained from the Peabody Fund, secured to the district through the labors of the State Superintendent.

TEACHERS AND GRADES OF THEIR CERTIFICATES.

J C Rexroad	1	R H Watson	1
J F Freeman	1	A A Conrad	2
J N Wolverton	1	Clarence Bennet	3
Alonzo Flannigan	2	G J Stack	1
J N McDowell	3	J S Hall	1

J M Simon	2	J S Dean	1
J L Straby	3	H L Simpson	1
Lou Lorentz	1	G W Bennet	3
L A McNemar	2	A B Hinzman	2
H W Lightburn	1	P Fahey	1
Willie Gaston	2	Michael Casey	1
J M West	1	Charles McCutchan	3
J L McCann	1	Clinton Hardman	1
J W Bruffey	1	L D Humphreys	3
W L Bird	3	L C Crippen	1
S G Bird	2	J M Brake	1
J A Bird	1	Miss Mary Collins	2
Miss Julia Whelan	3	Miss Mary Mulvey	3
Miss M E Whelan	3	J P Freeman	1
Ed M Gibson	1	G P Straley	1
J G Sims	1	B J Hudkins	3
Miss Kate Jennings	2	John F Waugh	2
Miss Biddie Carney	3	Oliver Rexroad	3
Miss Eva Fo inash	3	John E Waggoner	3
John A Kittle	3	O B Wheeler	2
Miss Virginia Heffner	3	T A Law	2
Miss Biddie Feeley	3	Walter Holle	3
Miss Mary Wilkinson	3	E H Kester	2
Miss Annie Jennings	1	J T Mundell	2
Miss Biddie Green	3	Jay Stout	2
E R Watson	3	G C Hinzman	3
W S O'Brien	1	Thomas W Hale	2
B H Blagg	2	George Hamilton	1
Frank Rymer	1	John A Egan	2
Buchanan White	2	J D West	2
A K Clark	3	J B Hall	2

LINCOLN COUNTY.—W. E. Tabor, *Sup't.*

I desire to suggest the propriety of increasing the State School Fund to twenty cents on the hundred dollars, which will secure sufficient State funds to run the district schools four months, giving to the district the authority to make a levy sufficient to run the schools two months. The State and District Funds will then run our schools six months in the year, which we ought, by all means, to have. I also suggest the propriety of abolishing the District Boards of Education and substituting a County Board in their place, consisting of one member from each district, making the County Superintendent President of the same Board, requiring from said Board some guarantee that will insure a perfect and efficient discharge of its duties. I would also suggest some change in the present law so as to secure a prompt attendance of the teachers on the sessions of the County Institutes. A re-enactment of the old law would, I think, secure the desired end. I would also propose a change of law, so as to have but one trustee in each sub-district, giving to him authority to hire the teacher for the school under his charge.

TEACHERS AND GRADES OF THEIR CERTIFICATES.

Lewis Jaynes	1	Miss Mollie Williams	2
Wm A Pierson	1	Miss Belle Adkins	1
J W Heck	1	Miss Minerva J Hager	1
Archibald More	2	Mrs Matt Adkins	2
Enoch F Johnson	2	Wm A Carol	1
Gilbert Hager	1	A L Lambert	3
J M Yates	2	William May	1
Thomo J Grass	1	Norvell Griffith	2
H C May	3	A C Hilbert	1
Joshua T Hall	2	Miss L Hill	3
Mc Tuder	2	Miss Florence Hill	3
Lee Tuder	1	Miss Emma Holston	1
E B Kayser	1	Godfrey Scites	1
A H Curry	2	Mrs Rachel Orthur	1
Wert C Holstein	2	J W Stowers	2

J W Wigley	2	Miss Madorah A Smith	2
J B Kayser	2	A H Herrald	2
Rufus Stowers	1	Zachariah Bowman	2
Miss Sallie Carper	1	George T Holton	2
Miss Carrie Ballard	1	Andrew D Robinson	3
Miss Alice Chapman	1		

LOGAN COUNTY.—John Dempsey, Jr., *Sup't.*

I take pleasure in forwarding to you my first annual report for the scholastic year ending August 31, 1880, but I am sorry to think that it is not as full and complete as it ought to be. Some of the Secretaries failed to make their reports, so that I could not make altogether satisfactory calculations from them. I will try to have the Teachers, Trustees and Secretaries improve in making their reports for the time to come, and as I have now a little experience, I will be able, no doubt, to make a more satisfactory report. The school officers of this county are looking after the old indebtedness of the ex-Sheriffs. On final settlement with the district of Magnolia it appeared that E. Rutherford, ex-Sheriff, was indebted to said district two hundred and seventy dollars and seventy cents. Said district has also obtained a late judgment against G. W. Taylor, ex-Sheriff, for four hundred and sixty-seven dollars and eighty-eight cents. The other districts are looking after their interests in the same way.

Everything is going on quietly in regard to the free school system. We were for awhile lacking books, but I have circulated circulars of book publishers among the people of this county and they are now supplying themselves with books cheaper than they have ever been obtained in this county.

TEACHERS AND GRADES OF THEIR CERTIFICATES.

T W Blankinship	1	L L Chambers	1
Thomas C W Whited	1	James L Deskins	3
J J Christian	1	Samuel F Farley	2
A M Ball	1	James C Childers	3
Edward W Lake	1	Levi Evans	3
Harrison Farley	1	Evoline Blankinship	3
Thomas F Price	1	Elliot Ferrell	3
Hiram Dempsey	1	P D Bradberry	3
John Covert	2	John F Stratton	3
Leander Chambers	1	Sandy Stratton	3
L D Chambers	1	Hibbard W Justus	3
William A Harris	1	Lewis Dempsey, Jr	1
P M S Robinette	1	Joseph Simpkins	1
William B Chapman	2	Harrison Blair, Jr	3
Joseph Ball	3	Levi Porter	1
James H Harris	2	M L Stone	2
John McCall	3	Stephen Lambert	3
Joseph H Dempsey	3	Jacob Mounce	1
John C McComas	1	W R Orsbor	1
C R Christian	1	Alfred Buskirk	1
John N Crosier	1	D C Ross	1
Montraville Williams	3	Sarah A Stepp	1
R S Harris	3	Wm S Allison	2
Rosa Clark	1	Wesley Stollings	1
Alice C White	2		
H C Taylor	2	TEACHERS HOLDING 3 YEAR CERTIFICATES.	
Elizabeth Elkin	3	George B Austin,	
James S Aldridge	1	Elijah Stone,	
I E H Christian	1	Wm M Black	

MARION COUNTY.—Simon C. Parish, *Sup't.*

In transmitting to you this my first annual report of the condition of the free schools of Marion county for the school year ending August 31, 1880, I am glad to be able to say that the school work of the past year has been quite satisfactory. Boards of Education, teachers, and the people generally, have labored zealously for the advancement of the school interest of the county, and their labor has not been in vain.

Although I have had quite a difficult task in compiling, my report from the Secretaries' reports, I flatter myself that it is correct, according to my understanding. Our Boards of Education have learned to prefer teachers of merit, and while they are still obliged to employ a *few* low grade teachers, this class is fast declining in number.

We now have six graded schools established in the county, whose work, under as many accomplished Principals, was very successful.

Our Institutes were a grand success this year, both as to attendance and interest, and the much valuable instruction given by Prof. Miller cannot help but tell in our schools the coming year. At the conclusion of these Institutes, Teachers' Associations were organized, one for the eastern end of the county and the other for the western end, to meet on notice of the Executive Committee.

I believe that our present school law gives as general satisfaction as we can expect, and, while it might be modified on a few points for the better, we would rather have it remain as it is than to risk any material change.

TEACHERS AND GRADES OF THEIR CERTIFICATES.

Alice Lowe	2	T L Sturm	2
John L Lake	2	H L Sturm	2
Martha Manley	2	Noah W Sturm	2
Martha Manley	2	Arthur Sturm	1
Mary Manley	3	G W Sturm	2
Thomas S Manley	2	Johanna Snay	2
N E Metz	2	J R Smith	2
Martha J Martin	2	S A Shaw	2
George N Martin	1	Lizzie Stewart	1
Jeff W Martin	1	M E Toothman	2
G W M Millan	1	E J Thomas	2
John N Mercer	2	Lucy O Thorn	2
Charles A Miller	2	A M Trader	2
Kate Mason	2	Jennie Vangilder	2
B F Mundell	1	Jennie Vangilder	2
G W Morgan	1	Luella C Wallace	2
L L Malone	2	D L Wade	3
C B Nay	1	Delia Whoolery	2
Staats Nuzum	2	John H B Wyer	2
Miner Nuzum	2	D L L Youst	2
J M Prickett	1	F M Ashcraft	1
W S Prickett	2	A C Amos	2
Fannie J Prichard	1	Samuel G Ash	2
A S Parish	2	A B Burchinal	2
W J Price	1	L N Burchinal	2
I J Parsons	2	Lizzie M Boyles	2
W E Pigott	2	T F Billingsley	2
Lora Robinson	2	F N G Billingsley	1
Olive Ross	1	Ollie M Basnett	2
Alice Ross	2	Rebecca Barker	2
W J Snodgrass	2	Will A Crowl	3
W J Snodgrass	2	David C Cunningham	2
Scott M Sturm	2	F R Cole	1
Scott M Sturm	2	Mary S Cochran	2
S J Sturm	1	Miss C J Clayton	2
S J Sturm	1	C L Clayton	2

Eli T Clayton	2	Delia M Harr	1
Fannie L Carter	2	A P Harr	2
Olive Cooper	2	Flora Hall	2
James R Clelland	2	Sue E Hall	2
Addie B Clelland	2	Luella Hall	1
T F Conaway	2	Mary L Hall	2
Lee R Conaway	1	H L Hawkins	1
George L Carder	2	W E Hawkins	1
M S Duncan	2	M F Hamilton	2
M S Duncan	2	Thomas B Holbert	2
B F Dudley	2	C D Hockinberry	2
Julia M Davis	2	O L Hoult	2
Henry C Evans	2	Henry R Hess	2
Ollie Erwin	2	D M Ice	2
Henry J Floyd	2	J F Jones	1
John A Gallagher	3	L C Jones	2
Davis Glasscock	2	C S Jackson	3
Finley O Gaskins	3	Rosa L Kinney	2
Wm R Hibbs	2	A M Kuhn	2
Wm R Hibbs	2	T M Leeper	3
Rufus E. Harr	2		

MARSHALL COUNTY.—D. Bonar, *Sup't.*

I herewith send my first annual report, which I hope you will find correct. Our Legislature certainly entertained a false idea of economy when it reduced the salaries of school officers. The salaries paid the Secretaries of Boards of Education are meagre and insufficient. No person of good business qualities can be long retained, and consequently new Secretaries are employed nearly every year, and sometimes oftener, who are unacquainted with the business. This causes mistakes and inaccuracies in their reports and gives a large amount of unnecessary work to the County Superintendent.

The schools of our county seem to be in good condition, but could be much improved by some system of graduation, similar to that introduced by Prof. Wade, embodied in our school law, and visits by County Superintendents.

Our Teachers' Institute, conducted by Mr. Fowler, was successful so far as the interest manifested by a majority of the teachers present is concerned; but less than 50 per cent. of our teachers showed their appreciation of educational matters by attending. I desire to favorably mention the names of L. J. Brock, J. W. P. Ried, J. R. Jones; Misses. McCabe, Myres, McClaskey, and St. Clair, as earnest Institute workers. The Peabody Fund cannot be better appropriated than in supporting these Institutes. There is an increasing improvement in the standard of examinations and grade of teachers. I think the Board of Examiners of each county should fix the percentage of their grades, and the law changed so that a three years' certificate could only be given in the county in which the teacher holds three certificates of the first grade.

TEACHERS AND GRADES OF THEIR CERTIFICATES.

C H Dowler	1	M W Bonar	2
W R Dowler	2	Riley Rine	2
E D Stenrod	2	R J Moore	2
J R Jones	2	H H Miller	2
W M Warden	1	W J Coulter	3

A R Warden	1	J W Kelly	2
Lillie McCombs	2	L R Burch	2
Anne Martin	3	R E Tilford	1
Maggie Meighen	3	G B Miller	3
M E C Lope	2	Angie Gatts	1
J W Ambercrombie	2	Elihu Taylor	1
J F Burleigh	3	S G Burton	2
Tillie C Cumpstone	2	J E M Howard	3
Isaac Lutes	2	J F Young	3
Cecelia Cressap	3	Frank Warden	2
J H Douglass	2	Luella Fulton	2
H W Steele	2	W J Bonar	1
P M Burleigh	2	Allie J Sawyer	2
J J A Montgomery	1	F H Fair	2
Jennie B Thomas	1	Mary R S Eagleson	2
Mary Hendershot	2	India V Evans	2
Ida F Troutman	1	Estella I Martin	1
S F Simpson	2	J B Francis	3
W H Dagg	3	Ida M Jones	2
George Rine	2	Mannie Hendershot	3
J E Sivert	1	Edna Hogan	3
W W Cline	1	Jennie StClair	1
S B Lily	1	Jennie H Eagleson	2
Joseph Sterling	3	Annie Simpson	2
E D Haynes	1	Mattie Wilson	1
J W Moss	2	R R Lutes	2
W J Brown	3	W L Manning	1
Carrie C Jones	1	Amanda M Roberts	2
J P Hunt	1	Emma Thomas	2
Andrew Chambers	2	Robert A Riggs	3
H B Mason	2	Jennie Keltz	3
W M Crow	2	Maggie Keltz	3
Anna Dille	1	S R Kyser	2
A G Ryan	3	Dora Chambers	2
R S Ferrel	2	Maggie Crago	1
Silas H Woodruff	2	Maude Potts	1
J R Moore	2	J M Rine	2
Charles F McCracken	2	Nina Donley	2
Annie R Ramsey	1	A D Oram	2
Clara Parrott	2	J M Jefferson	1
Mary F Black	2	W A Caldwell	2
J J Sammons	2	Ida Alley	2
Emma V Lutes	2	Lewis Yeater	2
M B Strawn	2	G R Parkinson	1
Ada V Wallace	1	D B Evans	2
Jennie Moore	1	George Buchanan	3
George Grandon	3	Mollie Dolliver	2
Jennie Messenhelder	3	Mrs O N Carr	2

MASON COUNTY.—D. P. Guthrie, *Sup't.*

Owing to the protracted and fatal illness of my wife, I could not begin the preparation of my annual report until a late day. I found upon examining the reports of some of the District Secretaries that they did not interpret uniformly the instructions given by you and printed on the blank. Take an instance: Some report "Receipts from Levy," with the delinquency included therein, while others have deducted the delinquency. Some have disbursed the "Apportionment to Whites and Colored" from "Total Receipts"; while others, from "Total Expenditures." The blanks which they used do not agree in form. The items called for pertaining to "Receipts for Building and Teachers' Fund" are six in number in one kind of blank and four in the other kind This lack of uniformity, both in the form of the blank itself, together with the different interpretations placed upon the printed instructions, have contributed to make my report somewhat inaccurate. With the incorrect data at my disposal, I have done the best I could.

The law requiring the people to vote for a levy at every school

election is a bad one.* In my opinion it would be just as reasonable to require or permit the people to say year by year by vote whether they shall have courts of justice or not. Let an efficient system of free schools be secured to the people by constitutional provisions and all will be well. The school month should consist of twenty days;—first, in justice to the teacher; second, it will enable our teachers to make out their reports much more accurately.

*Several County Superintendents have suggested an amendment to the School Law in this particular, but they overlook the fact that the Constitution repuires this levy to be made *by the authority of the people of the district* (Const. art. xii, §5).—STATE SUP'T.

TEACHERS AND GRADES OF THEIR CERTIFICATES.

Charles Armstead	1	George H Stout	1
G H Arrington	2	A E Scott	1
James Arrington	2	Lucy Stevenson	3
Clara E Baker	2	James Smith	1
Squire Bechtel	2	Alice Shott	1
Maggie Bibbee	2	J H Shank	1
A L Boggess	2	Ella Wardner	3
Wm A Cadle	2	A J Winkler	1
J W Coffman	2	Mary Washington	2
Eli Coleman	2	Maggie Watterson	1
Ella Carson	1	Emma C Wilson	3
Lucy Clark	2	Alma Young	3
J D Campbell	1	Joseph Yeager	2
Thomas L Dabney	1	Robert Mitchell	1
J M Davis	3	W W Harper	Professional
L C Fadeley	2	Mrs C E Harper	Exempt
Hellen Farley	3	Addie Gilmore	Prof
Matt S Gibbons	1	Tim Poffenoarger	Ex
Nannie Grove	2	E H S Whitehead	Ex
J C Gross	2	Nannie Jarrett	Prof
Wm A Haynes	3	Lizzie Kennedy	Prof
Hattie C Horn	2	J B Yeager	Ex
L N Hinkle	2	Thomas Hogg	Ex
J F M Hill	1	Mary Gilmore	Prof
T J Holly	2	Wm P Buell	Ex
Ida Graham	2	R A Arthur	Prof
John A Hunter	2	Alice Kimberling	Prof
Addie Hibbard	1	Henry Fisher	Ex
Lelia Kimberling	2	David Fisher	Ex
Mary Knight	1	Jacob Fisher	Ex
J C Morrison	1	Lillie B Knight	Ex
L F McDaniel	2	Oliver Phelps	Prof
S M McMillen	2	Charles Fadeley	Ex
Ollie Meeks	3	G W Knapp	Ex
L T Pilchard	2	B B Barnett	Prof
S C Priddy	2	Kate Wesson	Prof
W C Pierce	3	Ida McDaniel	Prof
D W Petty	1	Bettie Johnson	Prof
Jennie Peden	1	George W Hill	Prof
Rena Roush	3	Lizzie Horner	Ex
L F Rogers	1	Jennie Horner	Ex
Josie Sterrett	1	C C Knapp	Ex
Lizzie Stone	1	Susan Gale	Prof
M F Stewart	2	Dorcas Gale	

MERCER COUNTY.—M. F. ELLISON, *Sup't.*

In taking up the task of making my first annual report, I found that the confused state of the school accounts in this county, rendered the task a very difficult one. I therefore procured the assistance of Prof. P. R. Sherrard, a well known accountant, and I think that this report shows up the accounts about as they stand. As no account seems to have been taken of debits and credits for years back, it became necessary to revise the old district reports as far back as

they were procurable; but some were lost before the office came into my hands—not a State or county report of earlier date than 1876 has ever come into my possession.

One great hindrance to the improvement of the teachers in this part of the State is, that, as we have to depend mainly upon district taxation, wages are rendered too low to give them the means to attend Institutes, much less regular schools.

Our Normal School at Concord is laboring under great disadvantages for want of library, apparatus, &c., and our people here are so overburdened with taxation that it is not likely to be any better unless we get a uniform State tax with which to run our schools.

TEACHERS AND GRADES OF THEIR CERTIFICATES.

Edward E Phipps	1	John W Bailey	2
Zachary T Rogers	1	Chas H Fink	3
*†Wm M Reynolds	1	Andrew J Hearn	2
Miss Lucinda Calfee	2	†Miss M J Johnson	2
S G Bowling	1	iss Hattie Tiller	2
John B Neal	1	Miss Nannie George	2
Wm P G Ross	1	John M Meador	2
A W Hamman	2	Napoleon B Lilly	2
H A Harvy	3	Robert W Lilly	2
S M Christie	3		
L F Christie	2	COLORED.	
L D Mastin	2		
G Boteler Vines	1	†G C Madison	4
George E L Neal	1	Miss —— Adams	5
Miss Emma E Bolton	1	Miss —— Breckinridge	5
†Miss Mary C Pine	1		
†Chas M Ball	2	RE-EXAMINED.	
Wm H Caldwell	2		
L A Martin	2	†Z T Rogers	2
Philip Bailey	3	W P Boggess	2
Miss Mary Witten	2	†Lewis C Shrewsbery	2
Thomas F Caldwell	2	Chas r Fielder	2
R E Thornton	2	F H Farley	2
L C Robinson	1	C K Walker	3
T E Combs	2	Miss Tinie Stinson	2
Miss Josie Maston	2	†Miss Lizzie J Hoge	1
W L J Thornton	3		

*Teacher in Concord Normal School.
†Attended the County Institute.

MINERAL COUNTY.—J. A. SHARPLESS, *Sup't.*

Notice that the $19.49 which was over drawn in the school fund of New Creek District must be subtracted from the footings of column 107 in order to make it equal column 98.

In the Building Fund $93.55 must be subtracted from some of the footings of columns 123 and 124 as well as from the footing of 125. This amount was overdrawn in Welton District, and when it is subtracted it will tally column 90.

In the Building Fund I only subtracted the delinquencies from Piedmont and Elk Districts ($36.35). The other delinquencies were taken out under the head of commission.

In the School Fund $44 43 was subtracted from the levies as well as $20.26 exonerations from Piedmont levy, the remaining $26.83 was taken out under the head of commission.

On page 14 $93.55 must be subtracted from footings of column 128, and $19.49 from column 129.

TEACHERS AND GRADES OF THEIR CERTIFICATES.

James B Farr	1	Miss Sallie Papkins	2
Miss Jennie A Startzman	2	C E Taylor	1
Howard J Wagoner	1	Miss Kate Kildow	3
A F McClellen	3	Mrs Annie E Smoot	3
Miss Ella May Wagoner	2	Mrs Annie Corlas	3
A T Smith	2	Miss Allie Robinson	1
Miss Bettie Farr	2	Miss Jessie Meiles	1
J M Kuykendall	3	Miss Hattie T Stephenson	1
D E Park	1	D W Hartman	3
B Tyrell (colored)	3	D W Shields	1
Miss Cora A Nesbitt	2	C E Miller	1
I H Offner	1	Miss Corrie Kildowe	1
Miss Emma Krigbaum	3	Miss Sallie Welton	2
Miss M Sue Shutz	1	T A Nuzum	1
Miss Maggie Shutz	1	J C Dixon (col'd)	2
Miss Grace N Bruce	3	W H Dell	1
Mrs. George W McLaughlin	2	George W Lee	2
George B Jones	1	Miss E J Slemaker	1
Mrs. L A Walsh	1	Miss Henrietta Dubois, (col'd)	1
Miss Annie Burnworth	2	F P Kelley	1
Miss Annie Barbee	2	D Clifford, (col'd)	3
Miss Annie M Fallon	2	Miss E Todd	2
T D Arnold	2	Miss Jennie Pride	2
Miss Cora Hepburn	3	Miss Mary A Adams	3

MONONGALIA COUNTY.—B. L. KEENAN, *Sup't.*

I have the honor herewith to submit my report of the condition of schools in Monongalia county, West Virginia, for the year ending August 31, 1880. The report is as nearly correct and full as possible from the data furnished by Secretaries.

Besides the various systems of book keeping practiced by the different Secretaries, there still remain some manifest difficulties in making out reports from the forms used. There is no means of reporting a district's indebtedness except by interlinear statements or minus signs. These minus quantities are little relished and less understood as a general thing by the Secretaries. These difficulties might be overcome by the addition of a few extra columns in form.

Section 13 of the School Law concerning the appointment of teachers meets with a most distressing disapproval. It is pronounced as being theoretically a fraud and practically a failure. My judgment is that we have not here witnessed the abuses which may grow out of this system. The people and teachers generally not unreasonably expect a return to the sub-district trustee system, or some plan that will give the patrons of the particular sub-district a voice in the selection of their teacher.

The graduation of teachers' certificates is a subject that needs attention. It is a question at present whether certificates are really graded in the strict meaning of that term. The law permits but three steps in ascending from the meanest to the most meritorious grade. If these certificates are to show grades—exact grades of merit they are failures, for 86 and 77 per cent are both equal to No. 2. If these certificates as at present graded are to regulate teachers' wages, as they do, then they are frauds, *legalized impositions.* Suppose No. 1 draws $35, No. 2 $30, No. 3 $20; now, suppose candidate A holds an 87 per cent? he just barely "gets through," and there are several such in this county. Suppose a second candidate, B, holds an 86 per

cent certificate, and the teachers that hold 85 and 86 per cent certificates number more than any other two per cents from 67 to 100 per cent. These "fair" teachers—not quite good enough for No. 1—embrace a large per cent of the teachers of the county. But to proceed with the supposition: This "scarcely" No. 1 receives $35 per month or $140 per term for his teaching; B, who "barely missed," only $30 per month or $120 per term. There is no reason why there should be such a difference in the pay of teachers whose grades are so near together. There is no reason why the 86 per cent teacher should be compelled to work for the same as the 77 per cent teacher. If 87 per cent is reason why a man should get $35, and 77 per cent why he should get $30, then why will not the logic hold good for intermediate percentages? Let the difference be $5. Then 10 per cent gives $5, 10 per cent: $5=9 per cent: 0 is the present statement, which is false arithmetic. The question should be stated as follows: If 10 per cent gives $5, what will 9 per cent give? The answer follows naturally and easily when we use true arithmetic. So in the payment of teachers there should be no legal intervention preventing teachers being paid what is justly coming to them—preventing payment for fractional grades. If teachers are to be paid according to a scale of merit to be tested by an examination, then it is legally unjust to refuse fractional certificates.

Again, it is the tendency of the Boards of Education to exclude No. 3 and bring Nos. 1 and 2 very close together. When this becomes generally the fact as it has in some districts, the necessity for test examinations will almost be lost. You must grant 1, 2 or nothing, and it matters little (save the honor to the holder) what grade so the candidate merits 77 per cent or above.

The County Institute was not all that we had reason to expect, still this work should be continued.

TEACHERS AND GRADES OF THEIR CERTIFICATES.

Anna Acklin	2	W S Hillery	1
A M Acklin	3	D M Henderson	2
Zinuri Ammons	2	Charles G Howell	2
A J Arnett	1	Terressa Howell	3
E C Baker	2	Marshall Jacobs	2
Guy Barker	2	Emma L Jones	1
A S Barker	2	Charles E Jolliffe	2
W T W Barb	1	H I King	2
G W W Blair	2	L H Keenan	1
W F Blair	3	John Laird	2
E Agnes Brock	3	A J Lemley	2
John W Brock	2	T I McRa	1
J P B. and	2	Virginia A McRa	3
Ettie Boyers	2	George W Morgan	2
Simon L Boyers	2	Laura V Price	2
Anna Campbell	2	Laura V Price	2
Anna Campbell	2	R B Price	2
Dussie Choen	3	A R Price	2
Dussie Choen	3	Louisa Park	2
Mary Chadwick	1	W L Park	3
Mrs L R Coogle	2	—— Piles	2
F S Costolo	2	W H Rude	2
George C Cole	1	W R Ruble	1
J Clarke Cole	1	J C Robey	3
W N Conner	2	M C Ramsey	1
J Ray Conner	2	Nancy Simpson	2
W M Cloud	3	Columbia Simpson	2
M A Cloud	3	Laura Shisler	2
Lizzie Cordray	3	Laura Shisler	2
Richard E Fast	1	L D Sisler	2
F A Dunn	3	W W Sine	2

E J Everley	2	R W Sine	1
James Farrell	1	Jennie F Selby	2
Bettie Fife	2	J W Smith	1
Georgia Fletcher	2	Miss Lou Stewart	2
Sue E Fletcher	2	Mattie Stewart	2
Carrie Fletcher	2	E S Stewart	2
S R Fisher	2	W G Shriver	2
W G Gaus	2	W W Tapp	1
J D Gaus	2	Sue M Thomas	2
W H Gorman	2	J Maxwell Waters	2
J G Gorman	2	M L Snyder	1
Ella F Gorman	2	D Benson Waters	1
J C Glasscock	2	C M Wilson	2
Ira E Hall	2	S J Tallington	2
S Judson Hall	2	McKendrie Wilson	2
E Benton Hall	3	T M Wilson	2
J Milton Hall	3	James M Wilson	3
Clarke B Hall	2	Mary E Wade	2
Morgan B Hale	2	Minnie L Wood	2
John E Haught	2	E H Wince	2
W H Hart	2	David Wiedman	2
James E Hawthorne	2	Rosa Larkin	2
A L Hough	3		

MONROE COUNTY—J. P. Campbell, *Sup't.*

In submitting this, my third annual report, I am glad to say that you will find it nearer correct than any of my previous reports. The Boards of Education of the respective districts are beginning to get their records cleared of many defects and imperfections which has so long hindered the County Superintendent from making a complete report. Since the change in the law dispensing with the visitations of the County Superintendent to the schools I have comparatively little knowledge of the general condition of the schools of the county during the past year. I am glad to say, however, that what information I have gathered indicates a state of general prosperity in the schools. I think the change in the law above referred to was an unwise change. The change relative to Teachers' Institutes, I think, was a good one. The one conferring the power of appointing teachers on the Boards of Education does not work well. The old plan of having one trustee, whose duty it was to employ the teacher subject to the ratification of the Board of Education, was, perhaps, the best we have ever had.

TEACHERS AND GRADES OF THEIR CERTIFICATES.

Thomas J Wickline	1	G W Sayre	2
L G Cheuvront	1	J H Cook	2
F B Albert	1	I C Bailey, (col'd)	2
R D Riddle, (col'd)	1	G C Campbell	2
G W Warren	1	C P Lewis	2
H J Donnelly	1	J W Arnott	2
N B Campbell	1	A L Davis	2
M H Walkup	1	Allie Garvin	2
Laura Prentice	1	D J Mann	2
Serena C Beamer	1	Emma R Wykle	2
J B Bittinger	1	W T Smith	2
Ella G Krebbs	1	Thompson Houchins	2
Jennie B Green	1	S A Parker	2
Shelton Clark	1	J N Parker	2
S W Johnson	1	N B Gantier	2
W E Hines	1	W H Holroyd	2
J P Skaggs	1	Clara P Dunlap	3
J T Coffman	1	H L Bailey	3
C C Hoke	2	Marion Gilchrist	1

J A Ments	1	EXEMPTION CERTIFICATES.	
C W Kiester	1		
P H Gwinn	1	C L Larew	
Wm Ballenger	1	R R Little	
J A Rushbrooke	1	R C Appling	
Frank Payne	1	Ellen Prentice	
J P Dunn	1	Bettie Prentice	
James F Lively	1	PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATES.	
J H Parker	1		
L E McNeer	1	Jane A Dunlap	
J B Smith	1	A L Peck	
S H Holyday	1	J A Meadows	
H A Vawter	1	A P Miller	
W S Hobbs	1	J E Keadle	
J K McClaugherty	1	E W Arnott	
Nettie Diddie	1	G W Ballinger	
J W Johnson	1	R S Rudd	
R A Patton	1	Charles Honaker	
Granville Houchins	1	J H Crosier	
S L Bruffy	1	W S Stroman	
S W Bean	1	S R H Irons	
Edgar Clark	1	D C Elmore	
I T Armstead, (col'd)	1	H C Bare	
Robert Smith	2	N B McDowell	
J A Erskine	3	J J Moran	
Guy R Dickinson, (col'd)	3	Mike Murphy	
Charles Holmes, (col'd)	3	W W McClaugherty	

MORGAN COUNTY—James S. Bechtol, *Sup't.*

The schools throughout the county have been well attended the past year, and general satisfaction rendered by the teachers.

Several new school houses are now in course of erection, and several others will be built within the next year. Our schools are improving. We have longer terms, better attendance and more satisfactory results than in the past. The Free School system is growing more in favor with the public every day.

You may, and doubtless will, find the foregoing report defective in some particulars, owing to the imperfect reports sent in by some of the secretaries. Most of the old secretaries were teachers; under the amended law they could not hold that office. New ones were appointed, who have had no experience in making reports.

Some of the Boards did not make their settlement with the Sheriff until the 6th of September, hence the delay in my report.

TEACHERS AND GRADES OF THEIR CERTIFICATES.

A P Hill	1	Henry T Wirgman	1
W K Daniels	3	L B Kidwell	1
J M Chestnut	2	James F Widmyer	2
F P K Little	2	Thomas Smith	3
Miss Mazie Tabb	2	H W Michael	3
Mrs E W Crothers	1	I C Somers	3
Miss Mary E Whisner	1	Nicholas W Clarke	3
Miss Sarah E Covalt	3	J H Filler	1
L W Scudamore	2	L P Noland	3
S J Hovermale	2	B H Smith	1
R S Fearnow	2	John R Whitaker	1
S S Hall	3	E G Hedding	1
G W Underwood	2	R H Stotler	1
Noah Potter	3	B Tyrrell (colored)	1
James F Hopkins	2	C A Waynant	1
Miss Ella M Newman	2	C S Shade	2
John A Riseuger	2	A C Allemong	1

McDOWELL COUNTY.—W. P. PAYNE, *Sup't.*

I have the honor herewith to present you my annual report as Superintendent of Schools for McDowell county for the school year ending August 31, 1880. The delay in the preparation has been due to the difficulty in not being able to procure the reports from two of the districts in which changes were made in the office of the Secretary of the School Board after the election in August last, and they still failing to report makes me unable to make a complete report, but I am proud to say the schools have all been taught the full time required by law. Quite an improvement has been made over the previous years. The teachers have been energetic and efficient; school officers more prompt and willing in the discharge of duty (except the two Secretaries mentioned), and harmony and interest have made marked progress in our schools.

TEACHERS AND GRADES OF THEIR CERTIFICATES.

W L Gamble	1	Henry Franklin	1
John F Gamble	1	Columbus Murphy	1
J J Gamble	1	E F Totten	1
A W Bruster	1	N Mitchell	1
J W Bruster	1	Thomas Blankenship	1
J T Myers	1	T R Totten	1
G H B Myers	1	John Waldron	1
U S Myers	1	Hugh Dillon	1
H C Aurre	1	Samuel Crocket	1
M T Christian	1		

NICHOLAS COUNTY.—JOSEPH L. SMITH, *Sup't.*

I think I may safely assert that the last changes in the school law have not benefitted the schools of this county. Indeed, I believe I may go farther, and affirm that some of these changes have had exactly the contrary effect—so far, at least, as my observation has extended, they have wrought positive injury to the cause of common school education.

Before the enactment of the amendments referred to, the schools of this county were evidently on rising ground; were rapidly growing in efficiency, and, as a natural result, in popular favor. Under the stimulating influences of the County Superintendency, a rigid yearly examination by the Board of Examiners, and the compulsory tests to which they were subjected in the County and District Institutes, the teachers were becoming alive to their work; a healthy spirit of emulation was aroused, and we began to feel that the time had almost come in West Virginia when the capable and faithful teacher would no longer be regarded as a meanial hireling, but as a member of a *profession*, not less honorable, useful or dignified than law, physic or divinity. There were, also, indications of a revival, educationally, among the whole people; the enthusiasm of the teachers was beginning to communicate itself to the pupils; parents were not slow to observe the growing interest and rapid advancement of their children; and from prejudice itself was extorted reluctant approval of a cause which was evidently producing such excellent results.

I am sorry to note, that since the important features of the law to which I have referred were amended, there has been a change in our schools, which is not for the better. The amendments have done much, in my judgment, to kill the spirit of inspiration, which was their life; and while I am glad to say we have a number of wide-awake, progressive teachers, whose enthusiasm, arising, as it does, from pure love of their noble calling, cannot be destroyed by the most adverse legislation, yet the principal stimulating influences being removed, many, I fear, have fallen back upon the hum-drum, perfunctory, routine methods which were in vogue "in the days of auld lang syne." I recommend the following changes:

1. The establishment of an efficient system of county supervision.
2. That the trustee, in addition to his present duties, be required to employ the teacher.
3. That the law in relation to Teachers' Institutes be so amended as to secure to the teachers the benefits of these training schools without the sacrifices now required of them.
4. That persons holding unpaid orders from the Board of Education on the Sheriff at the close of the school year, be required by law to present such orders to the board at the time of settlement with the Sheriff, that they may be audited, and the true state of the finances ascertained.

TEACHERS AND GRADES OF THEIR CERTIFICATES.

J C Ramsey	2	W H Robinson	2
J A Alderson	1	S C Cavendish	3
J W Koontz	1	George W Norris	2
M A Grose	2	J F Robinson	2
L M Atwood	1	O L Hudgins	1
A M Stephenson	2	D P Bell	2
G E Ward	3	Miss M Cavendish	1
J W Van Bibber	3	E P White	1
H P Hardway	3	James M Curren	1
Hansford Pierson	1	Miss Naoma A Kesler	3
V Neil	1	W H Surgeon	3
C R Hanna	1	John L McCoy	2
M A Keenan	2	T B Horan	1
B H Dorsey	2	J L Anderson	1
W M McClung	2		
C H Walkub	2	EXEMPT FROM EXAMINATION.	
H A McClung	3		
J T Grose	1	George Grose	1
J E Grose	2	T C Brown	1
C A McClung	3	A A Hamilton	1
C M Stephenson	3	I N Cox	1
B C Rapp	2	W Y Callaghan	1
Miss S Fitzwater	3	George A Herold	1
F W Champ	3	Lanty W Herold	1
W W Backus	2	Henry W Herold	1
E G Sims	2	A T Groves	1
George A Groves	1	S P Schindel	1
B N McCutchen	2	J J Powell	1
B C McNutt	1		

OHIO COUNTY.—J. C. MAXWELL, *Sup't.*

All the sub-districts in Ohio county are well provided with school houses, but as the population increases new sub-divisions become necessary, and new additions to the houses already erected. One new house is in process of erection in Liberty District in a new sub-district, and a new two-story addition is being made to the school build-

ing in the village of Triadelphia, Triadelphia District. The houses are mostly well furnished, and provided with globes and outline maps.

Not having visited the schools the past year, I cannot speak particularly of their condition. I think our Legislature made a mistake in crippling the county supervision. Though it was not as good as might have been desired, it undoubtedly was better than now. What our schools particularly need is supervision by competent persons. I would favor a county superintendency with salary sufficient to enable the occupant to devote his whole time and talent to the oversight of the schools while they are in progress, with authority to enforce regulations and the adoption of useful suggestions. In the meantime it would be necessary to fall upon some method to prevent unworthy or incompetent persons from getting into the position.

The present method of appointing teachers causes great dissatisfaction among patrons and teachers. The universal voice is for a return to the trustee system, in which the trustees of each sub-district employ their own teacher.

I would recommend the abolition of the fee for examination, and to pay the Board of Examiners out of the Building Fund of the several districts; also that the questions for examinations be issued from the State officer and be uniform throughout the State; also, that a No. 1 certificate be good for three years from date of issue, if the holder is regularly employed from year to year in teaching, and that *all* teachers be placed on the same footing; that no private examinations be permitted; that the law requiring teachers to be of temperate habits and free from profanity be made more stringent; that teachers' wages be based, not entirely upon grade of certificate, but also upon their known ability and success.

The Teachers' Institute held in this county was tolerably well attended and a good degree of interest manifested, but, as is usually the case, the teachers who have most need to be present attended the least. I believe no person should be appointed to teach who has not interest enough in the work to avail himself of all helps within his reach. I think there should be some provision in the law for furnishing Superintendents with funds for advertising, examinations, Institutes, and for postage, &c.

TEACHERS AND GRADES OF THEIR CERTIFICATES.

Miss Lizzie G Woods	1	†Miss M F Rockee	2
†Miss Mary Eagleson	2	†Miss Chestina Wheeler	1
†N A Thornburg	2	Miss A W Maxwell	2
J B Atkinson	1	†Miss Mary E Maxwell	3
Mrs A B Eckhart	1	Burns R Bell	3
Miss W A Bradley	2	Miss S J Carroll	2
Miss Mary E McCurdy	3	†Miss Katie R. Scott	2
†Miss H S Welshaus	3	†Miss Kellie R Jefferson	2
T H Rowles	2	Wm Douglass	3
W R Clark	1	†Edward Richardson	2
C G Trussell	2	†W H Curtis	1
Miss E M Brownlee	2	†Brooks Hedges	1
Miss Ella Brownlee	3	George Buchanan	0
†Thomas Shannon	2	Miss R E Baird	1
†Miss Laura V Pierson	3	†Miss Mary E Collins	3
†O E McCarty	3	†Clara B Milligan	2
†J B Walkinshaw	3		

†To distinguish certificates from those certificates issued to teachers who were required to pass an examination in some of the higher branches.

PENDLETON COUNTY.—J. W. JOHNSON, *Sup't.*

I herewith send my annual report, and also requisition for salary, based upon number of schools just reported. My report is as full as it could be made from the data furnished by the Secretaries. So much has been said heretofore about school legislation, and so much is likely to be said hereafter to which no attention will be paid, that I have not thought it necessary to say anything myself under the head of specific remarks. What gets into the body of your annual report is that which is most likely to receive attention; and if two or three matters, to which I wish to refer privately, need alteration, change, or amendment, I am satisfied you will make such recommendation.

1st. The apportionment of State funds should be made earlier, in order that Boards of Education might know what they are to receive before laying the levy. No proper levy can ever be laid until this is attended to.

2d. The law making the office of Secretary incompatible with the position of teacher should be repealed, because there is no chance for speculation, and Boards of Education are frequently unable to secure competent men for this position without taking teachers.

3d. So many teachers are now exempt by law from paying examination fees that the fees collected are insufficient to pay the per diem of the Board of Examiners in this county for three examinations. We have heretofore found three examinations indispensable, but find it harder and harder every year to get the Examiners together for a third examination, knowing that they cannot be paid for more than one day's service. See my report upon this point. I would recommend that the per diem of Examiners be reduced to two dollars a day. This would afford relief for the present.

4th. The duties of County Superintendent should be increased without any increase of his salary. He should be empowered to do many things left undone by Boards of Education but required by law to be done by them. He should be required to render some assistance to Secretaries in making out their reports.

5th. A law should be passed requiring Boards of Education to acquire a title to land before building on it.

6th. Teachers holding three-year certificates should not be permitted to teach on them out of the county where they are given.

7th. Normal diplomas should be dispensed with, and professional certificates should emanate only from the State Superintendent.

8th. The number of blanks at present furnished teachers, which they are required to fill up before they can draw their salaries, is by far too great. A permanent register and a daily register would be quite sufficient.

9th. The new Board of Examiners should always attend to the July or August examination, that now being the first examination of the new school year. In order to bring this about examiners would have to be appointed earlier and the school election held earlier. The law as it stands compels the new County Superintendent to report the July or August examination held by his predecessor. Under it some examiners claim exemption from examination a second year on

account of having officiated at the first examination of the new school year. The claim, however, will not be allowed in this county unless I receive the positive order of the State Superintendent so to do.

TEACHERS AND GRADES OF THEIR CERTIFICATES.

George W Adamson	2	John F Simmons	2
D S Cunningham	2	Levi Cunningham	3
John A Harman	2	Granville A Hiner	3
Harman Hiner, Jr	1	Ben Funk	1
Martin K Harman	3	T M McClung	2
John M Jones	2	Wm A Sites (re-examined)	2
Wm Breen	3	James F Hiveley	2
John D Masters	1	Miss Sallie D Jones	2
Jacob Sites	1	P P Nelson	2
Wm A Sites	2	George W Grady	2
Ambrose V Kiser	3	Isaac N Murphy	3
Miss Etta R Wilson	1	Isaiah Harman	3
Miss Kate M Wilson	2	George M Poffenbarger	3
Miss Etta H Johnson	1	George W Pitzenbarger	3
Miss Zaidie H Simmons	2	Miss A Lizzie Coffman	3
Miss Laura V Hall	3	T H Harrison	2
N W Eckard	2	C M Zirkle	2
H D Hiveley	3	Charles W Cooper	2
Z T Samuels	2	S Lorentz	3
Mrs Martha H Ward	3	Ben C Harman	3
T M Jones	1	J A Gibson	3
J P Davis	1	F A Samuels	2
George M Vint	1	George W Sherrard	3
S P Dolly	3	E D Coffman	3
J W Byrd	1	W D Colaw (re examined)	3
J P Kiser	1	John W Cook	2
W D Colaw	3		
Michael Mauzy	2	PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATES.	
Addison Harman	3		
George W Davis	1	Wm T McQuain	..
Albert Day	2	James W Johnson	..
J M McQuain	3	J W Biby	..
H F Gilkeson	2		
J J Hiner	1	THREE YEARS' CERTIFICATES.	
M F Allen (colored)	3		
S P Mauzy	3	J J Dunkle	..
L D Bennett	2	Sylvanus Mullenax	..

PLEASANTS COUNTY.—J. F. WAYMAN, *Sup't.*

I have the honor of presenting to you the report of Pleasants county for the year 1880. We have six districts, thirty-six sub-districts, thirty-six common schools and one graded school. Most of our houses are comfortable frames, most of which are furnished with patent iron desks and wall maps; but we have not the alphabetical charts. Grant and Washington have had six months' school for several years, and ere long we shall have six in all.

People are becoming more interested and calling for *good* teachers, which, I am sorry to say, we lack. Primary instruction is neglected for the benefit of the more advanced studies. As a remedy, where the district is large, attendance good and pupils well advanced, I would suggest the building of larger houses, so that a good recitation room could be attached. By this means the larger and more advanced pupils could be used as assistants. They could hear the smaller ones in the recitation room, thus leaving some of the teacher's time for advanced branches. The young pupils would thus be kept at work and the advanced ones would learn to teach under the supervision of

an experienced instructor. To encourage higher education, I would favor what might be called a movable "County High School." It could be supported by the county and controlled by the County Superintendent and Presidents of the various Boards. It should be taught after the winter schools close to give teachers a chance. And the school should alternate with the various districts to bring it within the reach of all at the least possible cost.

As a means of improving the teachers, I would suggest that an appropriation and a portion of the Peabody Fund be used to support a first class journal, which could be furnished to all teachers in the State free.

Our Institutes have done good work in many places, while in others they have failed. I would suggest that where the attendance falls below thirty-five per cent of the teachers in the county, that that county be deprived of Institute instruction until a petition, signed by two-thirds of all the teachers in the county, be sent to the State Superintendent asking for an Institute; and that in counties where no Institutes are held, the exemption certificates be of no effect outside of that county.

I believe the Board of Education should have but three members, and one should be elected every year, allowing three years as a term of office. The old plan of employing teachers would, perhaps, be best. The elections should be held with the general elections, and we should have some less complicated way of paying teachers.

TEACHERS AND GRADES OF THEIR CERTIFICATES.

Laura C Barnes	1	T F Edwards	2
Lethe Curtis	1	J W Gorrell	2
Lizzie Dutten	1	O M Haddox	2
M Maud Elleford	1	W H Hammond	2
M Belle Ruttencutter	1	E B Holland	2
El'a Reynolds	1	W H Hamilton	2
L D Ellis	1	Rufus Kester	2
D W Reynolds	1	J D Parr	2
N W Wells	1	Dr R Reynolds	2
Emma Edwards	2	Wm. R Ruckman	2
Mary Gorrell	2	Wm S Sarber	2
Mantie Johnston	2	Sadie Hall	3
Viola Johnston	2	Hattie Maxon	3
Mattie Lemley	2	Sarah McCardell	3
M Gussie Leonard	2	Emma McCardell	3
Annie Martin	2	J M Finley	3
Emma Noland	2	I O Johnson	3
R.chel Rymer	2	F C Richardson	3
Annie Weekley	2	M F Smith	3
Charles Brooks	2	W A Campbell	3
J F Barron	2	J W Gorrell	3
W A Campbell	2	Mary Gorrell	3

POCAHONTAS COUNTY.—URIAH BIRD, *Sup't.*

The educational interests in our county are, in the main, in a healthy and improving condition, yet there is still a great deficiency in the practical application of our teachers to their work.

We are laboring under many difficulties. Many of our teachers give up teaching because it does not give them permanent employment. It takes time well employed, wide-awake experience and

thorough scholarship to develop truly practical teachers in Pocahontas.

The Board of Examiners feel that they have made a radical change during the past year, in raising the standard of qualifications of the teachers; and it is their aim to spare no time and labor in raising it still higher.

The most of our school houses are very comfortable, a few, however, are very illy adapted to school purposes. During the past year a few new houses have been built, and a few more will be built this year. The houses that were built this year are the best in the county, being frame buildings and comfortably seated.

The free school system is gaining in popularity in our county; there are but few voters who now vote against the system. I have one or two suggestions to make in regard to changes in the law, viz: That the tax for all school purposes be made a county tax instead of a district tax, and that we have but one Board of Education, and that for the entire county. As you will see in my report, the number of cents levied on the one hundred dollars in the different districts is very unequal. One district pays one per cent for building fund, while others pay from ten to fifteen per cent. Our people are complaining very much about this.

The Secretaries have been very slow to send in their reports to me, and when I received them I found them *very* imperfect; some I took back to the Secretaries, and by their assistance got them partially corrected. I hope by next year to be able to make a better report in every respect.

TEACHERS AND GRADES OF THEIR CERTIFICATES.

Miss A J Arbogast	2	J B McNeil	2
Miss Lucy H Clark	1	Wm B Hannah	2
Miss Bessie A Curry	3	D W Hill	1
Miss M Woodsie Warmic	2	D McNeil	3
Miss Ella A Beard	1	C S Moore	1
Miss Laura Lockridge	2	C O Arbogast	2
Miss M M Anderson	3	C L Stutling	2
Miss Nettie Stutling	2	C B Grimes	3
Miss R J Anderson	3	M Burk Gray	2
Miss Maggie Warmic	3	W J J Wilson	3
Miss Carrie M Stutling	2	E G Alderman	2
Miss Gradda Stutling	3	M W Walton	1
Mrs. Hester E Pogue	3	J W W Rennic (colored)	3
H E Sutton	1	Alex Armstrong (colored)	3
O B Sharp	3		
Davis E Sutton	1	EXEMPT FROM EXAMINATION.	
Wm R Sutton	3		
Wm H Hull	2	Wm F Arbogast	..
A S Gillispie	1	B M Yeager	..
H M Lockridge	2	C J Stutling	..
George Baxter	1	Lee A H Sullender	..
J K Moore	3	Miss Emma N Warmic	..
J W W Bias	2	Miss L Sue Beard	..
M A Sharp	2	John S Moore	..
G S Weiford	1	E H Moore	..
N S Bruffey	1	M D Dunlap	..
G E McDonnal	1		

PRESTON COUNTY.—Winfield S. Bayles, *Sup't.*

No Written Report.

necessarily compelled to start home the third day, leaving Mr. James Curren, of Nicholas county, in his place. Mr. Curren is also a true lover of education; so that with the assistance of several others who took an active part in the exercises, we were enabled to have an interesting session throughout. The daily average being eighteen, shows an increase of not less than sixty per cent over that of last year. I hear no more complaint about Teachers' Institutes. They are fast becoming popular with the people, as they are beginning to see the importance of experienced and well trained teachers in the school room. I very much approve of selecting professional instructors who are unacquainted with the teachers and their methods of teaching.

The *West Virginia School Register* is the best register I have ever examined, and I do hope that the District Secretaries will see that they are properly kept, and returned by the teacher to their office, so as to relieve themselves of so much trouble in making their annual reports to the County Superintendent. With the instructions given in those registers, no teacher need fail in making his reports correct in every particular; and it is very necessary that they should be, for the correctness of the County Superintendent's report depends, to a great extent, upon the teachers' reports.

I desire, in conclusion, to return my sincere thanks to the teachers and citizens of Webster for the kindness and hospitality with which they have always treated me while in the discharge of my official duties.

TEACHERS AND GRADES OF THEIR CERTIFICATES.

J S McGuire	1	Isham Mullins	2
T J Myers	1	L A Lynch	2
Peter J. McGuire	1	J E Holcomb	3
Miss Mary Hickman	1	W P Morton	2
Mis Bertha Kelly	1	W S Henderson	1
Ellis Cogar	2	E L Morton	2
W A Arthur	2	A F Swentzel	2
J B Howell	2	Miss Mollie Pritt	1
John P Kelly	1	M H Dyer	1
B D Hutchison	1	J Griffin	1
John C H Cogar	3	Miss Nannie Griffin	1
Miss Julia Kelly	1	G Rexroad	1

WETZEL COUNTY.—JOHN U. MORGAN, *Sup't.*

I herewith transmit to you the statistical and financial details of the school affairs of the county of Wetzel for the year ending August 31, 1879. I have the pleasure to say that there is general progress throughout the county in educational matters. Our teachers are rapidly attaining a higher standard of qualification, and the youth attending school are making commendable progress in their studies. I am proud to report an increasing attachment on the part of the people of this county to our present system of schools, and a manifest willingness to provide for its maintenance. Each year the state of the finances is growing better, there are more schools, the schools are better attended, and it only needs the right application of the means now provided by the school law to make the system a complete success. A little wise legislation would probably be beneficial towards securing a little more harmony in its working; but, at the

TEACHERS AND GRADES OF THEIR CERTIFICATES.

M C Feather	1	J C Michael	2
John H Cuppet	2	Mattie McGee	1
Susan Casseday	2	George A Herring	2
Mary Casseday	2	J A Feather	2
S C Shaw	1	Margery Squires	2
James W Funk	2	J M Nugent	2
Josie Fortney	1	Anna V Klauser	1
H J Paulson	1	Rose Kaufield	1
G W Sann (colored)	2	George C Shaw	1
A M Moore	2	Lucy A Mattingly	2
R S Miller	1	John M Strahin	1
Miss Mattie West	1	W W Graham	1
Miss Mattie McGee	1	Wm A Guseman	2
Miss Alberta Shaffer	1	J W M Guseman	3
W A Watson	1	E M Jeffreys	2
B J Fortnay	2	A J DeBerry	1
John D Hooton	1	S R Guseman	2
Henry W Cline	1	Henry W Nine	1
E M Shay	1	John E Mattingly	3
Joseph F Plum	3	George Gocke	2
Joseph Graham	1	Walter H Michael	1
George W Gocke	2	W J Scott	2
Joseph Trotter	2	Mary L Field	2
Harry McCafferty	1	Ruth J Elsey	2
W H Knotts	2	C N Lee	2
George M Ralphsnyder	1	Parley DeBerry	1
B M Squires	1	I P Martin	2
Wm R Shaffer	1	Miss Mary Farrell	1
Wm H Copeman	1	W T Elsey	3
E C Ravenscraft	1	D W Frazer	3
E S Elliott	1	W H Bowman	3
Ellie Manear	2	W B Freeland	1
Mattie A Feather	2	Miss Clara Elsey	2
J P Jefleys	2	Hampton Werner	2
D H Savage	2	C F Trotter	2
J J Field	2	Lloyd Heckert	2
J S Brown	2	N D Adams	1
A W Snyder	1	Miss Millie Clarke	1
J F Rodeheaver	3	A S Teets	2
S J Posted	2	B F Friend	3
U G Hartly	2	John A Dodge	3
A W Frederick	1	D C Dodge	3
Millaid Pell	2	M C Feather	1
H D Carroll	2	J W Yeast	2
George W Bishoff	3	John M Nine	3
Mattie Stuck	2	C W Forman	1
M N Snyder	2	L M Nine	3

PUTNAM COUNTY.—E. H. Tucker, *Sup't.*

I herewith send report of schools of this county. The delay has been caused by the failure of the Secretaries to send their reports, and many of them when received were inaccurate, so much so that it renders it an impossibility to make as true a report as I would have wished. The schools of the county are prospering and the teachers are trying to improve in the art of teaching.

TEACHERS AND GRADES OF THEIR CERTIFICATES.

Miss Emma Shank	2	S H Lanham	1
Miss Bettie Reynolds	2	John F Lanham	2
Miss Sallie A Scott	2	Miss Mary Woods	2
Charles A Allen	2	H M Sovine	2
John F Lanham	2	R M Sovine	2
Miss Lorena Gibbons (colored)	2	H F Henson	3
W R Wilson (colored)	2	F M Sovine	2
E A Henderson	2	S W Chapman	1
J F Burdett	3	A P Thomas	1

C W Cottle	3	D H Thomas	1
J E Staneart	3	J W Kirk	2
O F Chapman	2	Miss G B Blake	2
Clarence Givens	2	Miss Belle Hutton	2
J H Hanly	2	J R Shank	1
A A Hanly, Jr	1	J W Kirk	2
Lycurgus Hanly	2	J M Henson	1
Miss Ida H Bowyer	2	Wm Coulter	2
Robert M Deardorff	1	A S Coulter	2
John H Coulter	1	J H Shank	1
Miss M J Cooper	2	F H Higginbotham	1
Miss Mary Taylor	2	Mrs Emma J L Higginbotham	2
Miss Alice Parkins	2	J P McCallister	2
Miss Sarah Kennedy	2	Elbert R Hoffman	2
Miss Hattie C Horn	1	C M Smith	1
Mrs Annie G Brown	2	J F Burdett	2
Miss Jennie Hutton	1	C W Cottle	2
Miss E F Slark	2	W A Wise	1
Miss Emma Gary	2	J E Staneart	2
Miss Tillie Barr	2	F M Sovine	2
Mrs. M E Tucker	1	E C Konnison	2
George A Davis	2	H M Sovine	2
W A Wise	2	R W Sovine	2
W R Wilson (colored)	2	Mrs Fannie Jividen	2
C Edgar West	1	Miss A F Harshbarger	3
John M Kimberling	1	Miss Nancy N Moore	3
W P Thomas	1		

RALEIGH COUNTY.—A. J. WILLIAMS, *Sup't*

In transmitting the annual report for the scholastic year ending August 31, 1880. We are gratified to report favorably in the main. The pupils have advanced in their studies rapidly. Our teachers certainly deserve great credit for the industry and energy manifested in their profession, while their salaries have been a mere pittance. We heartily endorse the free school system; it is doing a noble work. We think the Legislature should make it a State institution, that more may be done in the wild mountain counties. It will certainly repay the State amply for all that she may spend. Her citizens will be more intelligent, industrious and prosperous, and actually repay the outlay in dollars and cents.

TEACHERS AND GRADES OF THEIR CERTIFICATES.

Joseph Stover	3	J W Maynor, Jr	3
J M Williams	3	J H Meadows	2
John Lilly	1	J F Webb	3
H L Wriston	2	A J Manning	1
Simeon Lilly	2	W P Mankin	1
A W Hawley	1	J M Williams	2
O S Riffe	1	Samuel Henderson	2
Virginia McGinnis	1	A C Williams	1
Frances J Furrow	3	W S Vandervort	2
C B Davis	2	T E McGinnis	3
John R Callaway	1	John Webb	2
Mary N Cooper	2	P A Lester	3
Virginia S Cooper	3	Lewis Hunter	3
A C Godley	3	A L Dunn	2
C W Reed	2	C H Dunn	2
A P Farley	2	T C Miller	2
Allen Williams	2	Elam Scarbrough	3
Wm L Richmond	2	J F Jones	1
James H Dunn	1	H S Combs	3
C M Callaway	2	Cumberland Stover	3
Thaddeus Scott	1	Sandford Stover	3
J E Carper	2	Daniel Williams	3
J W Lilly	3	C P Stover	1
Harvey Cook	2	Wm G Calloway	1

E J Calfee	1	German Clay	3
T J Callaway	1	A B Ballard	3
H W Neeley	2	M L Ellison	2
Cephas Lilly	1	C H Fink	3
W A Stovall	1	J W Maynor	2
A B Vines	3	S V Feazell	3
Wm M Wood	3	A J Hutchison	2
G G Thompson	3	C V Ashworth	2
H C Meador	2	N F Orvis	1
J W Johnson	3	S F Smith	3
E D Redding	3	Crocket Mankin	3
E F Prince	2	Oliver Stover	3
W C Hollandsworth	1	Douglas Scott	2
Daniel Hollandsworth	2	Charles Lewis	3
George Bailey	1	R W Teuch	1
J W Lilly	2	S L Hale	3
M Fitzpatrick	3	E M Center	1
S C Godley	3	M J Lilly	1
Alexander Watts	3	C P Stover	2
Anna J Talley	2	John S McCarty	2
W E Feazell	2	Mary H Dunn	2

RANDOLPH COUNTY.—Alonzo F. Wilmoth, *Sup't.*

(*No Written Report.*)

TEACHERS AND GRADES OF THEIR CERTIFICATES.

John J Ferguson	1	W P Madden	2
B W Taylor	1	J R Crickard	2
J P Madden	1	Miss F A Channell	3
C S Moore	1	C S Channell	3
C H Rice	1	Miss Teresa Cain	3
James B Canfield	1	John R Crickard	3
George W Cunningham	1	B B Herron	3
F W Harris	1	George W Lewis	3
M E Lawson	1	James Moyle	3
S Lorentz	1	M F Riggleman	3
James B Litle	2	S D Ruckman	3
L D Caplinger	2	Miss Angelia Scott	3
Miss S A Channell	2	Arnold Wilmoth	3
Miss Maud Cheneoweth	2	P C Webley	3
George A Burner	2	S Wilmoth	3
A S Bosworth	2	W T Simmons	3
John T Durkin	2	John Moyle	3
Miss L B Marstiller	2	Martin Madden	3
C M Marstiller	2	Miss Alice Hanline	3
E R Skidmore	2	Jos Bartlett	3
F J Triplett	2	H L Stalnaker	3
A M Bradley	2	Thomas Ward	3
Miss Nora Moore	2	John F Ward	3
Miss A Gilmore	2	C L Cheneoweth	3
C N Russell	2	L C Rice	3
Miss M A Durkin	2		

RITCHIE COUNTY.—Geo. W. Lowther, *Sup't.*

In submitting this my third annual report of the free schools of Ritchie county, I am sorry to state that the schools are not in as good condition as they were two years ago. There is a lack of enthusiasm in the people and teachers. Under the new institute law it is impossible to get more than twenty per cent of the teachers to attend and the effect is sadly noticeable in the schools.

Our school system needs more executive power vested in the County Superintendent. As it is, the office is of no use. I do not think the late changes in the school law have been any advantage to

the schools. I shall suggest no changes except that I think the "thirty-five percent law," as it is called, should be repealed as soon as possible. It has been a great disadvantage to the schools of this county.

TEACHERS AND GRADES OF THEIR CERTIFICATES.

Miss Zora B Cannon	1	G A Corbin	3
J F Griffin	1	W L Miller	3
C Letorriere	1	Isaac Cokeley	3
J E Cross	1	H J Scott	3
Miss Mattie Morris	1	W J Linch	3
T B Ross	1	Ella Peripont	3
W H Willis	1	M L Law	3
C F Randolph	2	I B Lambert	3
E F Randolph	2	P W Bruffy	3
A Thrash	2	T E McKinney	3
D N Meredith	2	P C Snodgrass	3
J G Lowther	2	E P McGinnis	3
S A Lowther	2	Alice Ayers	3
Alice Tavener	2	Z W Jones	2
T W Ireland	2	L G Bennington	2
Wm M Cooper	2	G S Hoff	2
J M Strahan	2	Bessie Corbin	2
J A Corbin	2	J D Corbin	2
Lloyd Whaley	2	C J Glover	2
Mrs T W Ireland	2	Addis Zearly	2
Isaac Hetrick	2	A W Wade	2
Homer Neel	2	J O Linch	2
G S Smith	2	E McC Snodgrass	3
S P Crumett	2	Platt Wigner	3
Jos M Iams	2	F J Ehret	3
C Woofter	2	Mary Iams	3
A F Ayers	2	Dora Heaton	3
C E Haddox	2	Belle F Dowling	3
N E Lough	2	C G Griffin	3
John Clark	2	Maggie Glen	3
Jacob Cokeley	2	Rebecca Mitchurn	3
D B Cunningham	2	V F Randolph	3
J S Woofter	2	James Cox	3
Emma McCollum	2	A A Clayton	3
James Cox	3	Ozinna Bee	3
Thomas McMullen	3	Kate Ashley	3
M A McGinnis	3	W B McGregor	3
Melcena McGinnis	3	Lucy B Kercheval	3
S H McGregor	3		

ROANE COUNTY.—J. K. Jones, *Sup't.*

I herewith transmit you, at this late hour, my annual report of free schools for Roane county. I have been delayed by the failure of the Secretaries to make their reports at the proper time, and by the incorrectness of the same after they were made. I have revised and corrected, however, until I think I have made some approach to a correct report, although there are no doubt some discrepancies. It is almost impossible to obtain a settlement between the different Boards of Education and the Sheriff. Some of the Boards have not made a general and full settlement with the Sheriff for several years, and the Secretaries' books in some instances have been so badly kept that they show scarcely anything about the affairs of their districts. You will observe that some of the districts, after levying to the extent of the law (fifty cents on the one hundred dollars), still did not have funds to run their schools four months. Teachers' salaries have been so reduced in some districts that some of our best teachers are abandoning the profession.

The employment of teachers by the Boards of Education seems to render considerable dissatisfaction, and is, I think, working somewhat against the system. For reasons very obvious, it renders the employment of teachers very precarious and appears to have a tendency to discourage them. Notwithstanding all this, our schools are making some progress. Considerable improvement has been made in the way of houses. Many neat frame houses have taken the places of the old log houses, and some of the Boards have supplied their houses with maps, &c.

I think the teachers of Roane county will compare favorably with those of any other county in the State, considering their advantages. The attention of the people is being directed to the importance of securing good business men on the Boards of Education, and we hope for great improvement in that direction at the next school election.

TEACHERS AND GRADES OF THEIR CERTIFICATES.

Amanda Hughes	2	Helen G Young	1
J Hunt	1	G M Wade	1
J A A Vandal	1	Alice Lyon	1
R P Cunningham	1	D E Stutler	1
J W Ball	2	C C Howell	1
Luverna Riley	1	Edith B Wood	3
I I Riley	1	J M Allen	3
Lizzie Garden	1	C W Fleschman	1
Rebecca Garden	1	C L Hunt	1
S B Seaman	1	D W Hunt	1
E Carder	1	J E Taylor	1
Luverna Lattimer	2	J Hughes	1
D B Lattimer	1	J K Fields	1
M F Lewellen	1	J E Hunt	1
E C Statts	2	M Hammack	1
E W Straley	1	W E Ryan	1
W Lester	2	M W Ryan	1
H B Curry	1	I F Conley	1
J C Bartlett	2	M A C Hopkins	1
J C Shock	3	O C Kyle	2
J B Wright	2	Melvin Bishop	2
J T Marford	2	T W Hughes	1
Georgia L Miller	1	J W Lowman	1
C A Dawson	2	Amanda C Riley	1
Sallie Springston	1	Maud Taylor	1
W L Starkey	1	H C Taylor	2
Lizzie Springston	1	D W Smith	1
Belle Springston	1	Hiram Bissell	2
A K West	2	O M Chambers	2
T P Harris	2	H Bays	1
M P Wooddell	1	W B Carper	2
N B Hoff	1	B N Cook	1
Wm Stutler	1	J R Davis	3
Elizabeth Flescher	2	C Engle	3
Jennie Flescher	2	A N Chambers	1
Myrtie Armstrong	2	H A Smith	1
J P Short	1	Nellie M Stone	2
C E Hedges	2	Wm Hammack	2
J F Shreve	2	J C Lowe	1
F F Daniell	2	L A Geary	1
J A Sergeant	2		

SUMMERS COUNTY.—D. G. Lilly, *Sup't.*

Since making my last annual report I have had the honor of making the acquaintance of the General Superintendent of Free Schools at the meeting of the Teachers' Association of West Virginia, that society having at last, after many repeated solicitations from the educators of this and adjoining counties, departed from its old exclusive policy of keeping its meetings in the northern end of the State, so

as to hold *one* session in our midst. The attendance being unprecedentedly small, I understand that the blame has been charged to us, not only for bringing in so few recruits, but for the very act of locating the meeting within our own reach while distant from the main body of the members; but it is certainly as fair that the educators of your section should attend *once* in our end of the State, as for those in our section *always* to travel to a distance; besides, we could here contribute a respectable quota in the way of membership if we had a school law that would give professional teachers a chance to make a respectable living among us, which cannot be when even the Normal graduates have to put up with *sixty dollars a year.* I repeat, we cannot be said to have a *genuine* free school system until the taxes are so equalized as to give an equal chance to all localities within the State. As to the failure of even the County Institutes to show a respectable attendance, what else could be expected with the wages of the best teachers (sixteen to twenty dollars a month for the highest grade), insufficient to clothe them decently? In conclusion, we all consider ourselves highly honored at the presence of that conclave of eminent educators in our midst last July, and are gratified to know that the attendance of the citizens of Hinton was not unappreciated by the Society; and in behalf of the educators of Summers I hereby tender our hearty thanks for the excellent instruction provided by Superintendent Pendleton, sincerely wishing that the School Department may be as ably administered as by the present and retiring incumbent.

TEACHERS AND GRADES OF THEIR CERTIFICATES.

L B Arnott	1	George W Scott	1
John F Allen	2	Giles Henry Ballengee	1
J W Allen	2	A P Daniel (colored)	2
J W Wiseman	2	‡V Victor Austin	1
S H Hartwell	1	D C Ross	3
Wm L Commack	1	A E Miller	2
Peter L Alderson	1	Howard Roles	1
Robert Josiah Commack	2	Miss M Martha Foster	2
*Miss Martha L G Ellison	2	‡Albert E Cotton	1
*Miss Nancy Belle Clark	1	W M Jones (re-examined)	1
Miss Lilly C Fredeking	1	Alonzo M Hutchison	2
†Joseph M Meador	2	L P Graham	2
Wm A Lowe	1	David Bowles	2
‡W M Jones	2	John H Jordan	1
Floyd S Ayres	2	James A Lilly	2
W J Foster	2	‖George W Lilly	1
Oscar Roles	1	Ephraim Simmons	3
Wm H Holroyd	1	Richard Dixon Lilly	2
Miss Mary B Miller	1	‡‖Rev. C H Payne (colored)	1
Omer P Light	1	Henry Meredith Wills	1
‖John Peter Maddy	1	‡F H Brown (colored)	2
J J Foster	2	Miss Mary M Jordan	2
W B Dean	1	Beniah Reed Parker	1
‡‖Clinton Douglas Ross	2	Miss Mary E B Pack	1
Samuel G Ellison	2	W J Foster	3
‡‖Miss Ida Belle Sunderland Charlton	2	Miss M M Foster (re-examined)	2
‡Thomas J Cotton	2	Miss L C Fredeking "	1
J H Maddy	1	John P Maddy "	1
George W Lowe	2	F S Ayers "	2
‡Rufus W Clark	2	S H Hartwell "	2
George W Leftwitch	1	J H Maddy "	2
John C Ball	2	John F Allen "	2
W J Kirk	2	W M Jones "	2
James Floyd Lilly	2	J W Allen "	3
Levi A Lilly	1	Miss M B M Lively	1
James F Akers	1	Jonathan L Barker	3
‡Jonathan F Lilly	1	J J Foster	2

*Married since examination.
†Died since examination.
‡Subscribers to educational journals.
‖Attended Institute within the schoolastic year.

TAYLOR COUNTY.—C. H. Rector, *Sup't.*

No Written Report.

TEACHERS AND GRADES OF THEIR CERTIFICATES.

Hattie Means	2	W J King	2
Lewis Dinkle	2	W H McDaniel	1
Lewis Kittsmiller	2	E C Demoss	2
W H McDaniels	1	Augustus Poe	3
Wesley Rightmire	2	James Dunham	3
Frank Wood	1	Samuel B Ayers	1
Eva Kembe	2	James H Martin	2
R W Tapp	1	James Cochran	1
M B Hale	2	J D Frumm	1
H S McDonald	2	Frank Wilson	2
George F Powell	2	Walker Baily	2
W H Thomas	2	Joshua Nixon	3
Stephen Poe	1	C C Davis	1
O O Morrow	3	J B Dadisman	1
H G Newbrough	2	M Lawler	3
Hattie Blue	2	J S Cornwell	3
H G Patton	2	T M Wilson	2
R W Tapp	1	Alcinda Cochran	1
J A Findley	2	S A Bainbridge	1
Lizzie Martin	1	Louie Thompson	3
G M Steele	2	Augusta Bainbridge	2
Sarah Bradley	1	G W Williamson	2
G W Poe	2	N W Newbrough	2
J A Hertzog	2	Ida Sinclair	3
Lewis Dinkle	2	Mary Gorman	1
M M Love	2	Augusta Sinsel	1
Lewis Kittsmiller	1	G L Hertzog	2
Lummie Sinsel	1	C Morris	2
Gussie Mackin	2	F J Burdett	1
Nellie. Core	1	Howard Fleming	2
Ella Phillips	2	B F Burdette	1
Nola Core	1	A A Coplin	1

TUCKER COUNTY.—L. S. Auvil, *Sup't.*

I have the honor to submit this my third annual report to you, believing it to be virtually correct so far as I could have it. As a general thing our schools are improving. The teachers are becoming better qualified for their duties, and as a result success crowns their labors.

There were thirty-two schools taught in this county last winter, which is a falling off of four from the previous year; but this was on account of Dryfork District voting the levy down. Also the past summer there have been two graded schools taught, one by W. D. Zinn and another by Lloyd Hansford, for the improvement of the teachers; also of recent date a select school by L. S. Fike. So the people of Tucker are becoming awakened to the needs of their children, to the promotion of their sons and daughters to an educated sphere.

One thing I desire to suggest, that is for the State levy to be increased to twenty cents on the one hundred dollars instead of ten cents. Also, the abolishment of the Institutes; as they now exist they are a nuisance in this county. Better appropriate that money to establish a select school in each county—if only for one month it would do a great deal more good.

TEACHERS AND GRADES OF THEIR CERTIFICATES.

J A Swisher	1	Carrie Parsons	2
H G Daniels	2	W B Jenkins	2
J L Piper	2	Mary James	3
T H Goff	3	L W Wright	2
P W Lipscomb	2	J B Cox	1
S C Baker	2	Q S Poeling	2
M H Godwin	2	Alice Hansford	2
R R Philips	3	J M Shaffer	1
J A Cordray	3	S S Roderick	2
F M Arnette	3	S H Godwin	2
J L Wince	3	J F Hunt	2
M A Guthrie	1	G W Shaffer	2
A E Poling	3	Vance Graham	2
Isabell Parsons	2	L J Posten	2
C W Long	2	W G Hartley	2
A C Dumire	2	Lewis Johnson	2
L W James	2		

TYLER COUNTY.—A. B. Wilson, *Sup't.*

The statistical part of this report is in the main correct, but the financial part may contain some errors, as all the Secretaries do not keep separate accounts of the expenditures for fuel, repairs, contingencies, &c., and it is very difficult to ascertain correctly the amount expended for each. School has been taught in every sub-district in the county, and so far as I have been able to learn the progress of the schools has been satisfactory. Teachers are becoming better qualified for their work. Interest in educational subjects, and a desire for better work are active, and teachers desire to know more of teaching, and to fit themselves for their work. The county examiners have raised the standard of qualification for teachers, and in doing so are sustained by the teachers generally. It is frequently urged that our best scholars are not always our best teachers. This is very often true. But our best teachers would be better if they were more highly educated, and our poor class of teachers would be poorer still if they were less highly educated. The teacher must possess the knowledge himself before he can impart it to others or lead them into the way of acquiring it.

Our County Institute, held during the last week of July, was regularly attended by the more progressive teachers, but the class of teachers who would have been the most benefitted failed to attend regularly, and many of them did not attend at all. I think it would be well for the Board of Examiners to be permitted to add five per cent to the grade of the certificates of all applicants who are regular in their attendance at the County Institutes and take an active part in the exercises. Since teachers are seldom permitted to teach more than two terms in the same school before a "change" is demanded, and the new teacher, knowing nothing of the class standing of his pupils must spend some time in ascertaining the proper place of each, much inconvenience might be obviated by requiring each teacher to keep a record of the daily recitations and monthly or term examinations, to be left with the trustee for the use of the incoming teacher.

I would say in conclusion, that the qualifications of our teachers now as compared with their qualifications a few years ago, present quite a contrast. A mighty chasm has been crossed. The influence

of our teachers now is more elevating, the general culture broader, the teaching more practical, and their methods much superior. Our people are becoming more interested in the success of the schools and more aroused to the importance of educating their children. All the districts cheerfully make the levies necessary to support the schools, and in two districts the question of extending the school term to six months, having been submitted to the people, carried. The outlook in this county is very encouraging.

TEACHERS AND GRADES OF THEIR CERTIFICATES.

Mattie W Morrison	1	John Stathers	2
James Eddy	3	J B Riggs	2
Cyrus McCormick	3	A M Gwin	3
Joseph Ankrom	1	Cyrus McCormick	2
E A Williams	2	Mattie W Morrison	1
W A Smith	1	M C Hickman	3
W S Smith	1	L J Corbly	1
E E Sayles	1	J C Moore	2
A N Fordyce	1	C D Moore	3
W R McIntyre	2	H B Shriver	3
J A Maxwell	1	J N Bell	1
E McTracy	3	J N Bond	2
Joseph Williams	1	George Wade	3
Warren Wood	1	S G Pyle	2
Mary L Williams	2	Thomas Mullin	2
Martha Williams	3	R Broadwater	2
Armstrong Weekly	3	N W Wells	3
L E Smith	3	R B Edgell	1
Edith C Stealey	2	T E Fleming	2
Miss C A Crumrine	2	L L Edgell	1
Miss Hattie Swan	2	Ellis Edgell	2
Miss K B Haddox	2	C F Bell	2
Leroy Swan	2	J W Galloway	2
L B Hill	1	A L C Hess	3
O M Haddox	3	W L Cox	2
C J Allen	3	Eva V Johnson	2
Florence Hardman	2	Mary Stewart	2
B R Troyman	3	J E Morgan	1
J B Haught	1	J W Martin	3
G W Loveall	1	Miss M J McGinnis	2
Miss N C Loveall	2	Miss M A Bradford	2
John W Moore	3	Miss M A McGinnis	2
D D Jackson	1	George W Tarry	..
A S Gwin	1	Louisa Wells	..
W A Smith	1	S B Allen	..
Joseph Ankrom	1	T H Snyder	..
R S Taggart	1	Riley Rine	..

UPSHUR COUNTY.—Charles L. Brown, *Sup't.*

No Written Report.

TEACHERS AND GRADES OF THEIR CERTIFICATES.

George W Eskew	3	J A Lewis	2
Fannie Gawthrop	2	J F Watson	3
Rosa McAvoy	2	J H Ours	1
S M Tenney	2	L A Dean	1
A M Lucky	2	J B Price	3
H B Darnall	3	George M Curtis	2
Joseph Bartlett	3	Clara Bargerhuff	2
H B McDowell	2	Addie E Bunten	3
H A Darnall	3	M F Westfall	2
I N McDowell	2	E A Hammer	2
Mollie Young	2	S N McCann	2
I D Neely	2	L D Gould	1
L L McAvoy	1	J B Loudin	2

S P Cutright	3	P D Hannah	2
Flora Moore	2	Celia Morgan	1
W H Queen	1	J M Brake	1
C S Bennett	1	D N Armstrong	1
M F Marple	2	Charles Cunningham	1
Eugene Brown	1	Clara Gould	1
W L Wingrove	3	J L Williams	2
B H Blagg	2	A C Linger	2
G A Helmick	2	J L Pifer	1
G B Brown	2	C L Rohrbough	1
Minnie Lee	2	Sallie Fogg	1
J C Reese	1	Eva Casto	2
Meta Baisley	3	G H Anderson	1
G D Westfall	1	George Bosely	3
G M Harmon	3	J D Pifer	1
R C Brake	2	A G Ours	3
A G Musgrave	2	C R Hartman	3
A W Tenney	2	Emma McAvoy	3
Lee Heavner	2	Abbie Brooks	3
A M Curry	3	R P Clarkson	2
W O Grim	2	R A Armstrong	1
Jennie Dean	2	I N McDowell (re-examined)	2
M A Lewis	3	Ira L Eurit	2
C L Dean	3	J A Gibson	3
Paris Lewis	2	S M Tenney (re-examined)	2
N J Strader	1	David Poe	3
O A Mosby	3		

WAYNE COUNTY.—C. F. JOHNSON, *Sup't.*

I herewith send you the statistical and financial reports of the schools of Wayne county for the year ending August 31, 1880. My report, compiled as it is from such reports, fail to arrive at that completeness, or reach that point of success that it is desirable it should to insure an efficient and thorough working of the free school system. I must confess that I have not labored as ardently as it was in my power to do; but while I acknowledge this on my part, I am conclusively of the opinion that there are several other school officers in the same dilemma. I feel that while I have not been as earnestly engaged as I might have been in my official capacity, that my labors have been attended with some degree of success, and that the school interests in this county have materially advanced in the past year, perhaps equal to any year since the organization of the school system. Notwithstanding all disadvantages I think the cause of popular education is evidently becoming more acceptable to the people of this county. The good effects of the free school system are plainly seen and acknowledged by some who once opposed it.

Comfortable frame and log houses are now erected and schools are being taught. In this county we have ninety-five school districts and one independent district, all of which kept a term of four months this year.

TEACHERS AND GRADES OF THEIR CERTIFICATES.

Miss Olive Beare	3	Rev N H Kirkpatrick	1
M D Jarrel	2	John Beckly	3
Mrs Belle Copley	2	Miss Nannie Hensley	3
Greenville Sagraves	2	N J Frasher	2
Miss Annie De Maro	1	Walter Ross	3
T M Bowles	2	S W Porter	2
J M Haws	3	S S Rigg	2
D C Sullivan	3	J B Shepherd	3
J W Harrison	2	W E Paine	2
H C Dunkle	3	C I Williams	2
Miss Sadie Leete	1	Miss Sarah Cyrus	3
W R Odell	2	I C Eckman	3
Miss Rebecca Shannon	2	John Hollandsworth	3
Mrs Lou M Shannon	1	M F Walker	3

WEBSTER COUNTY.—N. W. Clifton, *Sup't.*

Glade District has never been sub-divided as is required by section 1 of the school law, although I have repeatedly urged upon the Board of Education to do so and thus avoid any difficulty that might arise on account of section 13, which provides for the dismissal of the teacher whenever at the end of any school month the daily average attendance has been less than thirty-five per cent of all the pupils enumerated in the sub-district. There were twelve schools taught in the district, with an aggregate cost of five hundred and thirty-two dollars. I think the financial matters of this district are in a pretty good condition.

Fork Lick District is composed of ten sub-districts. There was a teacher employed in each sub-district for a period of three months, the aggregate cost of which amounted to seven hundred and thirty-five dollars.

Hacker's Valley District is divided into seven sub-districts. Six schools were taught in this district during the past winter for the term of three and one-half months, at a cost of four hundred and twenty dollars.

The Board of Education of Holly District, by bad management and for want of economy, involved the district in debt, so much that to pay up this indebtedness was very oppressive on the citizens. As can be seen by referring to my report last year, the district levies for school and building purposes amounted to one dollar and sixty cents on the one hundred dollars' valuation. Of this levy, one dollar and ten cents on the one hundred dollars' valuation was for building purposes, and yet there has never been one dollar expended toward erecting school houses. This was a great embarrassment to the free school cause in this district; and at the last general school election there was a majority of votes cast against the levy. The old adage, "Experience is a dear school," is manifestly true in this case, and it is to be hoped that the past history of this district will be sufficient experience to induce the Board of Education to be more economical hereafter, and not expend so much for fuel, rent, making fires, etc. At the special election held August 3, 1880, the vote was almost unanimous for the levy.

I have used all means within my power to get my report correct, but could not, in every particular, as the Sheriff has not, up to this time, made any settlement with the District Boards of Education. He failed to get his report of the delinquency approved of by the County Court until the 27th of September, and consequently could not make the required settlement.

Little or no complaint was made against any teacher who taught in the public schools during the past winter. More interest seems manifest and less murmuring heard.

Our Institute, conducted by Prof. D. P. Guthrie, was very interesting and instructive, and the good resulting from his untiring efforts to make it successful will be doubtless realized many days hence. His experience as a teacher, his ability to instruct, as well as his plain, simple manner of imparting instruction, cannot but make him popular as an Institute conductor wherever he goes. He was

same time, it would be better to bear the slight wrongs and inconsistencies of the present law than to impair its efficiency by unnecessary and useless amendments.

TEACHERS AND GRADES OF THEIR CERTIFICATES.

J A Maxwell	2	J D Dunlap	2
Leslie J Williams	1	D D Jackson	1
John C Snodgrass	1	T H Snyder	2
R W Mayhall	2	P S Harris	1
George Schlobohm	1	Wm C Hanen	2
M A Brast	1	Miss Lizzie Brahm	2
A P Sidells	1	Alex Furbee	3
F P Fonner	1	L W Dulany	2
P L Glover	1	Miss Maggie B Marsh	2
J E Bartlett	1	F R Suter	1
Christy Brookover	2	Ellis Dulany	1
Francis Flaharty	1	Jefferson Lemasters	3
Jennie Johnston	1	John Blatt	2
Sampson Starkey	2	Miss L A Jackson	1
Zillah M Ice	2	J W Wood	3
M V Teagarden	1	G W Loundenslager	2
F M Schlobohm	1	J M Skinner	1
W S Hennen	2	N F Rowand	2
P L Freeland	3	J M Ashcraft	2
Mollie Hoge	2	Oliver Calvert	2
Ira J Carney	1	Friend Palmer	1
M L Bowser	2	D N Prewett	2
Wm Caroline	2	M C Shepard	3
Jesse Masters	2	D S Arnett	2
R A Teagarden	3	D N McIntire	1
J H Teagarden	2	Anthony Morris	2
Miss C C Bowser	1	G W Gilmore	1
J R Crim	3	Miss Ruth E Moore	1
Miss Elvira Glover	1	Charles McAllister	2
J P Brock	1	A N Wade	1
N F Rowand	3	E R Steed	2
Miss Mary Carson	1	S C Vancamp	1
Wm Dolan	2	E A Williams	1
Miss Della Connelly	1	D T Williams	1
E E Ice	2	J E Morris	2
W W McMillan	2	Jesse Morris	2
Miss Jemima Robinson	2	S B Hall	1
M C Hickman	3	Wm Meighen	1
Miss Mary Burrows	1	J M Monroe	1
J D Snodgrass	2	Miss A J Morgan	2
Miss Ophelia Garrett	2	S J Earle	1
L Rowles	2	J L West	2
F B McGinnis	2		

WIRT COUNTY.—M. B. EDMONDSON, *Sup't.*

Free schools are gaining rapidly in appreciation. Progress is everywhere plainly seen. Better grades of teachers keep pace. Many of our best teachers are our "own boys and girls." Reports from Boards of Education should be required earlier and if possible made simpler. Secretaries might make their reports as soon as the schools close. County Superintendents could get delinquent list from the Clerk of the County Court (and other releases) and from Sheriffs' books of settlement with the Boards of Education, and it could thus be made better. I think so, anyhow.

TEACHERS AND GRADES OF THEIR CERTIFICATES.

H H Miller	2	Miss Louisa Thorn	2
A S Chenvront	3	Miss Lizzie Gililland	2
H B Mason	1	F W Ott	3
E W Bowersock	2	Wm Adams	1
E G Franklin	1	Luther Cline	3
I H McCoy	1	B C Hamilton	2
J W Bailey	3	W T Ritenhouse	1
J S Henson	1	R M Cline	3
D M Wegal	3	S S Nigh	2
Miss Sarah Dye	2	J T Farnsworth	2
Miss Agnes Ruble	2	R M Cline	3
Miss Cora H Rader	2	Z E Thorn	2
Miss Nettie Merriam	2	George Morgan	1
Miss Mary E Bayard	2	S M Cline	3

WOOD COUNTY.—R. T. BARBER, *Sup't.*

I herewith transmit my annual report of the condition of the free schools of this (Wood) county, or rather, as nearly the condition as I can ascertain from the Secretaries' reports and other sources. But first I should state that my Secretaries' reports are generally very imperfect and incomplete, and my experience, in general, is that I would not be likely to get them improved, even if I sent them back for correction. I have corrected and revised them, as best I could, and in making my report from them, I have endeavored to make the columns prove, as per your "General Directions" on back of report.

On page 14 (General Summary) I have given it just as it was reported to me by the respective Secretaries, without reference to its proof, believing that it shows more nearly the receipts and expenditures than I can arrive at by any other means, as this is taken from their settlement with the Sheriff. So, if you find it does not prove correct, I thought best to give it to you just as I have received it, and leave you to do the correcting of that page rather than take the responsibility of it on myself. Also I had considerable of trouble, and it took a good deal of time to get Secretaries to make reports at or near the time required of them by law, and I fear that if I had to send them back for correction I might not get all of them again soon. However, I believe the report to be correct in the most important particulars. Also, not knowing or considering what the requirements would be, I did not keep my accounts with the other examiners separate at all times, and though I am correct in the total, I may not be exactly correct in each separate item, but think I am. It always required a day or two more for me to make out and mail the certificates after the papers would be examined and grades given, and frequently a part of the work in examining papers and grading was left for me to do, which accounts for the amount paid to *me* as examiner, being more than to either of the other examiners.

You will observe that I have charged nothing for postage in mailing certificates; also nothing for paying Janitor of house used in examinations, which items are considerable (when we remember that it is taken out of the present salary of County Superintendent); nothing for printing or advertising, which items would amount to considerable more than the remainder of fees in my hands from examinations. I have retained this balance of fees, thinking that we may be obliged to hold another examination, and might need to use it, or part of it, in paying the expenses, as there will probably not be many applicants. You see I have deposited eight dollars with the Sheriff previously, and I send you his receipt as evidence of it; but I do not understand how it is apportioned for school purposes. If it would save any trouble in disbursing, you might have that amount paid to me as part of my salary. However, do as you think best, and please instruct me what to do with it, or if I am required to distribute it.

I now understand the requirements and will be able to keep my accounts more satisfactorily, to myself at least, in the future.